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Academy Awards are 'for white men'

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THE READING

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People in the movie world are angry that the movie industry is run by "old white men". People complained after the Oscar nominations came out because all 20 of the actors who could win an Oscar are white. There are no women in the directing or writing categories. The Los Angeles Times carried out a survey on who the members of the Academy are. The members choose the men and women who are nominated for an Oscar. The survey found that the members of the academy were 94 per cent white, largely male, with an average age of 62. Critics say there is too little diversity in the Oscars.

Civil rights campaigner Al Sharpton criticised the Academy. He said: "The movie industry is like the Rocky Mountains - the higher you get, the whiter it gets." He added that: "The lack of diversity in [the] Oscar nominations is [terrible]." He pointed out that a movie nominated for this year's 'Best Picture' award, 'Selma,' was about racism, but no non-white actors were up for an award. The president of the Academy said the members do nominate the best people, regardless of their colour or gender. However, she hoped Hollywood would become more diverse.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-30862139>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. People in the movie world | a. actors who could win |
| 2. after the Oscar nominations | b. age of 62 |
| 3. all 20 of the | c. 94 per cent white |
| 4. carried | d. are angry |
| 5. nominated | e. out a survey |
| 6. members of the academy were | f. little diversity |
| 7. an average | g. for an Oscar |
| 8. Critics say there is too | h. came out |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. civil | a. the whiter it gets |
| 2. Al Sharpton criticised | b. white actors |
| 3. The movie industry is like the | c. the Academy |
| 4. the higher you get, | d. people |
| 5. The lack | e. rights campaigner |
| 6. no non- | f. become more diverse |
| 7. nominate the best | g. Rocky Mountains |
| 8. she hoped Hollywood would | h. of diversity |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People in the movie (1) _____ that the movie industry (2) _____ white men". People complained after the Oscar nominations (3) _____ all 20 of the actors who could win an Oscar are white. There are no women in the directing or writing categories. The Los Angeles Times carried (4) _____ who the members of the Academy are. The members choose the men and women (5) _____ for an Oscar. The survey found that the members of the academy were 94 per cent white, largely male, with an average age of 62. Critics say there is (6) _____ in the Oscars.

Civil rights campaigner Al Sharpton criticised the Academy. He said: "The movie (7) _____ Rocky Mountains - the higher you get, (8) _____." He added that: "The lack of diversity in [the] Oscar nominations (9) _____ pointed out that a movie nominated for this year's 'Best Picture' award, 'Selma,' (10) _____, but no non-white actors (11) _____. The president of the Academy said the members do nominate the best people, (12) _____ colour or gender. However, she hoped Hollywood would become more diverse.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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