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Level 0 – 1st July, 2018

China limits pay for movie stars

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-0.html>

China is limiting movie star pay. Actors try to avoid tax. The government said money is not the most important thing in life.

Many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities". This gives people the wrong idea about what real life is like. The government said movies should help society, not movie stars.

The government made rules for movie companies. Actors' salaries will be less than 40 per cent of the cost of the movie.

Chinese people support this. They say "greedy" actors show off their "Hollywood lifestyle" and this is bad. One person wrote:

"Society has given them too much and they give nothing back."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. China is limiting movie | a. is like |
| 2. Actors try to | b. people |
| 3. money is not the most important | c. chasing celebrities |
| 4. Many young | d. avoid tax |
| 5. blindly | e. wrong idea |
| 6. This gives people the | f. star pay |
| 7. what real life | g. society |
| 8. movies should help | h. thing in life |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The government made | a. support this |
| 2. Actors' salaries | b. back |
| 3. Chinese people | c. "Hollywood lifestyle" |
| 4. "greedy" | d. them too much |
| 5. show off their | e. rules |
| 6. this is | f. will be less |
| 7. Society has given | g. bad |
| 8. they give nothing | h. actors |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-0.html>

China is limiting movie star pay. Actors (1) _____ tax. The government said money is (2) _____ important (3) _____. Many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities". (4) _____ the wrong idea about what real (5) _____. The government said movies should help society, (6) _____.

The government (7) _____ movie companies. Actors' salaries (8) _____ than 40 per cent of the (9) _____ movie. Chinese people support this.

They say "greedy" actors (10) _____ "Hollywood lifestyle" and (11) _____. One person wrote: "Society has given them (12) _____ they give nothing back."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FILM-STAR PAY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about film-star pay in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

