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**Level 1 – 1st July, 2018**

## China limits pay for movie stars

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-1.html>

China is putting a limit on movie star pay. Actors getting high salaries is bad for society. Actors try to avoid tax. The government wants to stop "money worship". It said money is not the most important thing in life. Many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities" and turning them into heroes. This gives people a false 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. Leading actors will get less than 70 per cent of the total wages for all actors. Chinese people support this. They say "greedy" actors show off their wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One person wrote: "Society has given them too much and they give nothing back. They do not teach young people about the...importance of community in China."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Actors try to                | a. a false idea    |
| 2. The government wants to stop | b. people          |
| 3. Many young                   | c. society         |
| 4. blindly chasing              | d. "money worship" |
| 5. turning them                 | e. is like         |
| 6. This gives people            | f. celebrities     |
| 7. what real life               | g. into heroes     |
| 8. movies should help           | h. avoid tax       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The government made      | a. support this          |
| 2. movie                    | b. less than 40 per cent |
| 3. Actors' salaries will be | c. young people          |
| 4. Chinese people           | d. off their wealth      |
| 5. "greedy" actors show     | e. rules                 |
| 6. Society has given them   | f. of community          |
| 7. They do not teach        | g. companies             |
| 8. the importance           | h. too much              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-1.html>

China is putting a limit on (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Actors getting high salaries is bad for society. Actors (2) \_\_\_\_\_ tax. The government wants to stop "money worship". It said money is not the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in life. Many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities" and turning (4) \_\_\_\_\_. This gives people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ about what real life is like. The government said movies (6) \_\_\_\_\_, not movie stars.

The government (7) \_\_\_\_\_ movie companies. Actors' salaries will be less than 40 per cent of the cost of the movie. Leading (8) \_\_\_\_\_ less than 70 per cent of the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ all actors. Chinese people support this. They say "greedy" actors (10) \_\_\_\_\_ wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One person wrote: "Society has given them too much and they (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They do not teach young people about the...importance (12) \_\_\_\_\_ China."

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-1.html>

Write about **film-star pay** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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