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Week 6

#179 Five prestigious awards: the BAFTA Awards

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: “*And the Oscar goes to...*” Do you remember the SEE U Daily English Practice exercise posted on this site, dated 15 March 2019?

Qt 2: Britain has an award celebrating the cinematic art equivalent to America’s Academy Awards, and they call it the BAFTA Awards. What does BAFTA stand for?

Qt 3: Which BAFTA-winning movie has impressed you most?

Vocabulary

- academy (noun): an organization intended to protect and develop an art, science, or language.
- royalty (noun): a payment made to writers, people who have invented things, owners of property, etc. every time their books, devices, land, etc. are bought or used by others.
- Majesty (noun): “Her Majesty” in most contexts refers to Queen Elizabeth the Second.

PART 2: Article for Reading

BAFTA, in full, is indeed quite a bit of a mouthful: it stands for “the **British Academy of Film and Television Arts**,” and it was founded in 1947 as the British Film Academy:

History of BAFTA

<http://www.bafta.org/heritage/history>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

The movies shortlisted for this year’s BAFTA awards bear an unmistakable resemblance to America’s Academy Awards. Watching the following clip you might think you are seeing nominations for the Oscars:

EE British Academy Film Awards nominations 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfZuPF8s3hQ>

PART 4: Writing Practice

In both American and British productions, it is no surprise to see a mix of cultural backgrounds in the filmmakers and the cast of characters. British actress Kate Winslet, for example, can be seen in such American movies as *Titanic* (1997) and *The Reader* (2008).

In your opinion, what kind of movie would be best suited to a foreign-born actress or actor?

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