

**UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University**  
**Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)**  
**Daily English Practice**

Week 6

**#180 Five prestigious awards: the International Indian Film Academy Awards**

**Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills**

**PART 1: Before you read...**

**Preparatory questions**

Qt 1: The most famous film industry in the world is indisputably Hollywood in the US, but they are not the largest producer of movies. Where is the largest producer?

Qt 2: If Hollywood is associated with film making, what does “Bollywood” represent?

Qt 3: Where is Bombay? And how it is related to the making of the celebrated Bollywood culture?

Qt 4: A charismatic, funny, talented actor, Aamir Khan has performed in the lead role in many Hindi movies. Have you seen any of those?

**Vocabulary**

- musical (noun): a play or film in which part of the story is sung to music.
- maverick (noun): a person who thinks and acts in an independent way, often behaving differently from the expected or usual way.
- trophy (noun): a prize, such as a large silver cup or bowl, given to the one who wins a competition.

**PART 2: Article for Reading**

The Indian Hindi cinema is often known as “Bollywood,” an obvious echo to America’s celebrated film making tradition. Bollywood has been known as Bombay cinema, the Indian Hindi-language film industry based in today’s Mumbai (formerly Bombay). The International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) is comparable to America’s Academy Awards:

***IIFA 2019: All the big moments from the Bollywood awards night***

<https://gulfnews.com/entertainment/bollywood/iifa-2019-all-the-big-moments-from-the-bollywood-awards-night-1.66522629>

**PART 3: Listening Comprehension**

Listen to the following short lecture on Bollywood culture:

*Music & Culture of Bollywood and Beyond: Intro to Bollywood*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SILYq-AdBbE>

#### **PART 4: Writing Practice**

Popular Hindi actor Ranveer Singh said of his acting career on the IIFA 2019 ceremony—

*It's a miracle that I get to do what I absolutely love doing. I am grateful for that every single day. That's enough for me. This recognition is truly overwhelming. I want to dedicate this award to the team of 'Padmaavat' and to Sanjay for shaping and moulding me into the actor I am.*

To many people, going to work, including acting, is just a job. We do a job for a living. Ranveer Singh feels "grateful" for the job he is doing.

What are you most grateful for in life? Send your thoughts to: **see.u@ccu.edu.hk**. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.