

## Daniel Day-Lewis wins record third Oscar

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British actor Daniel Day-Lewis has made cinema history by picking up his third Best Actor award at the Academy Awards in Hollywood. He becomes the first

actor ever to win three such Oscars. Day-Lewis, 55, was the favourite to scoop the prestigious prize for his stunning portrayal of the USA's 16th president in the biopic "Lincoln". The actor previously won for "My Left Foot" in 1990 and "There Will Be Blood" in 2008. He moves past eight other men who won two Best Actor Oscars. Day-Lewis joked with reporters that he had no plans to play another famous person in his next movie, saying: "I can't think of anyone right now because I need to lie down for a couple of years. It's really hard to imagine doing anything after this."

Britain's "Daily Telegraph" newspaper asked Day-Lewis whether he thought he was now the greatest ever actor because of this third Hollywood accolade. He humbly replied: "It's daft isn't it? Sean Penn had to go through all this a few years ago. It changes all the time." Day-Lewis gave an emotional and humorous acceptance speech in front of a star-studded audience. He paid tribute both to the president he portrayed, and to his wife Rebecca Miller. He said he was inspired by the, "beautiful mind, body and spirit of Abraham Lincoln" and joked that his spouse had "lived with some very strange men" throughout their 16-year marriage, referring to the different roles he had been practising for.

Sources: *Daily Telegraph* / *Daily Mail*

### Writing

*Movies are not as high a quality of art as ballet, opera and painting. Discuss.*

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*cinema history / Oscars / prizes / movies / joked / reporters / famous person / imagine / newspaper / accolade / emotional / humorous / acceptance speech / tribute / spirit*

### True / False

- A British actor made a movie about cinema history. T / F
- The actor won his other two Oscars in the 1990s. T / F
- Eight different men have won two Best Actor awards. T / F
- Day-Lewis said he could imagine doing lots of things from now. T / F
- Day-Lewis said he believed he was the best actor in the world. T / F
- He gave a speech that was full of fun and feeling. T / F
- In his acceptance speech, he said he thought Lincoln was inspirational. T / F
- He joked his wife thought she lived with strange men with each movie. T / F

### Synonym Match

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. picking up    | a. silly      |
| 2. scoop         | b. meaning    |
| 3. stunning      | c. envisage   |
| 4. joked         | d. prize      |
| 5. imagine       | e. motivated  |
| 6. accolade      | f. collecting |
| 7. daft          | g. witty      |
| 8. humorous      | h. bantered   |
| 9. inspired      | i. win        |
| 10. referring to | j. remarkable |

### Discussion – Student A

- Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- Who is the greatest ever actor?
- Why are all actors handsome or beautiful?
- Does having three Oscars make Daniel Day-Lewis the best actor ever?
- What kind of actor would you be if you starred in movies?
- Who are you most inspired by?
- Would it be interesting to live with an actor who practised the role at home every day for months?
- What do actors do every day?
- What questions would you like to ask Daniel Day-Lewis?

## Phrase Match

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Day-Lewis has made          | a. all this a few years ago  |
| 2. favourite to scoop          | b. doing anything after this |
| 3. He moves past               | c. tribute                   |
| 4. I need to lie down          | d. Hollywood accolade        |
| 5. It's really hard to imagine | e. cinema history            |
| 6. this third                  | f. for a couple of years     |
| 7. go through                  | g. acceptance speech         |
| 8. humorous                    | h. the prestigious prize     |
| 9. paid                        | i. 16-year marriage          |
| 10. throughout their           | j. eight other men           |

## Discussion – Student B

- What did you think when you read the headline?
- What springs to mind when you hear the word 'movie'?
- What do you think of the Academy Awards?
- What do you know about Daniel Day-Lewis and the movie "Lincoln"?
- What does it take to be a good actor?
- Are Hollywood actors the best in the world?
- Which famous person would you like to play in a movie?
- Who is your favourite actor and what do you like about him/her?
- What would you think about if you had to lie down for a few years?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. j	4. h	5. c
6. i	7. a	8. g	9. e	10. b

## Test Each Other

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>history</li> <li>such</li> <li>16</li> <li>2008</li> <li>plans</li> <li>imagine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>now</li> <li>humbly</li> <li>few</li> <li>both</li> <li>body</li> <li>roles</li> </ul>
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## Speaking – Movie Roles

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|----------------|---------------------|
| • animator     | • computer graphics |
| • actor        | • foley artist      |
| • director     | • screenplay writer |
| • stunt person | • costume designer  |

## Speaking – Movies

What movies would you like to make? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Genre	About
Biopic	
Horror	
Romance	
Fantasy	
Science Fiction	
Animation	

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.