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Level 3

Academy Awards are 'for white men'

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THE ARTICLE

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Many people in the movie world are angry that Hollywood and the movie industry are run by "old white men". People complained after the Oscar nominations came out last Thursday because all 20 of the actors in with a chance of winning an Oscar are white. In addition, there are no women in the directing or writing categories. The Los Angeles Times newspaper carried out a survey in 2012 on who the members of the Academy are. The members are the people who choose the men and women who are nominated for an Oscar. The LA Times survey found that the members of the academy were 94 per cent white, largely male, with an average age of 62. Critics say this means there is too little diversity in the Oscars.

Civil rights campaigner Al Sharpton was one of the biggest critics of the Academy. He complained that: "The movie industry is like the Rocky Mountains - the higher you get, the whiter it gets." He added that: "The lack of diversity in [the] Oscar nominations is [terrible]." He said it was strange that one of the movies nominated for this year's 'Best Picture' award, 'Selma,' was about racism, but none of the actors in Selma nor any non-white actors in other movies were up for an award. Cheryl Boone Isaacs, president of the Academy, said the members do their best to nominate the best people, regardless of their colour or gender. However, she did say that she hoped Hollywood would become more diverse.

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WARM-UPS

1. MOVIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about movies. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

angry / movie industry / complained / nominations / winning / writing / diversity / civil rights / critics / terrible / racism / president / regardless / gender / colour

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. MOVIE INDUSTRY: How can these things / people be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What are they like now?	How can they be better?
Actors		
Movie theaters		
DVDs		
Stories		
Special effects		
Sound		

4. WHITE: Students A **strongly** believe the movie industry is too white; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

- sci-fi
- horror
- animation
- romance
- action
- fantasy
- spy thriller
- biography

6. AWARD: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "award". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150120-academy-awards.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| a. The article said many white men are angry with the movie industry. | T / F |
| b. Only one of 20 actors nominated for an award is non-white. | T / F |
| c. There are no women up for an Oscar of any kind. | T / F |
| d. The average age of a member of the Oscars Academy is 62. | T / F |
| e. Al Sharpton talked about a new movie called 'Rocky Mountains'. | T / F |
| f. Al Sharpton was unhappy with the lack of diversity in the Oscars. | T / F |
| g. No actor in the movie 'Selma' has been nominated for an award. | T / F |
| h. The Academy president is a woman. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. angry | a. variety |
| 2. complained | b. study |
| 3. chance | c. important |
| 4. survey | d. moaned |
| 5. diversity | e. propose |
| 6. big | f. annoyed |
| 7. lack | g. awful |
| 8. terrible | h. sex |
| 9. nominate | i. possibility |
| 10. gender | j. shortage |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Many people in the movie | a. who choose |
| 2. the Oscar nominations came | b. a chance of winning |
| 3. all 20 of the actors in with | c. of their colour |
| 4. The members are the people | d. diversity in the Oscars |
| 5. there is too little | e. become more diverse |
| 6. one of the biggest critics | f. world are angry |
| 7. the higher you get, | g. for an award |
| 8. up | h. the whiter it gets |
| 9. regardless | i. out last Thursday |
| 10. she hoped Hollywood would | j. of the Academy |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150120-academy-awards.html>

Many people in the movie world are (1) _____ that Hollywood and the movie (2) _____ are run by "old white men". People complained after the Oscar nominations came out last Thursday because all 20 of the actors in with a (3) _____ of winning an Oscar are white. In addition, there are no women in the (4) _____ or writing categories. The Los Angeles Times newspaper carried out a survey in 2012 on who the (5) _____ of the Academy are. The members are the people who choose the men and women who are nominated for an Oscar. The LA Times (6) _____ found that the members of the academy were 94 per cent white, (7) _____ male, with an average age of 62. Critics say this means there is too little (8) _____ in the Oscars.

members
survey
chance
diversity
angry
largely
industry
directing

Civil rights campaigner Al Sharpton was one of the biggest (9) _____ of the Academy. He complained that: "The movie industry is like the Rocky Mountains - the higher you get, the (10) _____ it gets." He added that: "The (11) _____ of diversity in [the] Oscar nominations is [terrible]." He said it was (12) _____ that one of the movies nominated for this year's 'Best Picture' award, 'Selma,' was about (13) _____, but none of the actors in Selma nor any non-white actors in other movies were up for an (14) _____. Cheryl Boone Isaacs, president of the Academy, said the members do their best to nominate the best (15) _____, regardless of their colour or gender. However, she did say that she hoped Hollywood would become more (16) _____.

award
diverse
whiter
strange
critics
people
lack
racism

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Many people in the movie _____
 - a. world are angrily
 - b. world are hungry
 - c. world are angers
 - d. world are angry
- 2) People complained after the Oscar nominations _____ Thursday
 - a. came out last
 - b. come out last
 - c. came out lastly
 - d. came about last
- 3) all 20 of the actors in with a chance of winning _____
 - a. an Oscar be white
 - b. an Oscar is white
 - c. an Oscar am white
 - d. an Oscar are white
- 4) In addition, there are no women in the directing _____
 - a. or write in categories
 - b. or writing in categories
 - c. or writing categories
 - d. or right wing categories
- 5) the members of the academy were 94 per cent white _____
 - a. largely males
 - b. legally male
 - c. largely male
 - d. regularly male
- 6) Civil rights campaigner Al Sharpton was one of the biggest _____
 - a. critics for the Academy
 - b. critics of the Academy
 - c. critiques of the Academy
 - d. criticise of the Academy
- 7) like the Rocky Mountains - the higher you get, the _____
 - a. whither it gets
 - b. whiter it gets
 - c. white are it gets
 - d. why tar it gets
- 8) He added that: "The lack of diversity in [the] Oscar nominations _____"
 - a. is terrific
 - b. is terrible
 - c. is horrible
 - d. is horrific
- 9) none of the actors in Selma nor any non-white actors in other movies were _____
 - a. up four an award
 - b. up for Anna Ward
 - c. up for and award
 - d. up for an award
- 10) she did say that she hoped Hollywood _____ diverse
 - a. would became more
 - b. would bee come more
 - c. would become more
 - d. would becomes more

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Many people in the movie world (1) _____ Hollywood and the movie (2) _____ "old white men". People complained after the Oscar nominations came out last Thursday because all 20 of the actors (3) _____ winning an Oscar are white. In addition, there are no women in the directing or writing categories. The Los Angeles Times newspaper (4) _____ in 2012 on who the members of the Academy are. The members are the people who choose the men and women (5) _____ for an Oscar. The LA Times survey found that the members of the academy were 94 per cent white, largely male, with an average age of 62. Critics say this means there (6) _____ in the Oscars.

Civil rights campaigner Al Sharpton was (7) _____ critics of the Academy. He complained that: "The movie industry is like the Rocky Mountains - (8) _____, the whiter it gets." He added that: "The lack of diversity in [the] Oscar nominations is [terrible]." He said it was (9) _____ the movies nominated for this year's 'Best Picture' award, 'Selma,' was about racism, (10) _____ actors in Selma nor any non-white actors in other movies were up for an award. Cheryl Boone Isaacs, president of the Academy, (11) _____ their best to nominate the best people, regardless of their colour or gender. However, (12) _____ she hoped Hollywood would become more diverse.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150120-academy-awards.html>

1. How do many people in the movie world feel about their industry?

2. How many actors have a chance of winning an Oscar?

3. When did the LA Times carry out a survey?

4. What percentage of the Academy is white?

5. What do critics say there is too little of in the Oscars?

6. Who is Al Sharpton?

7. What mountain range did Al Sharpton compare the Academy to?

8. What movie in the article could win the 'Best Picture' award?

9. Who is Cheryl Boone Isaacs?

10. What did Cheryl Boone Isaacs hope would become more diverse?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150120-academy-awards.html>

1. How do many people in the movie world feel about their industry?
 - a) angry
 - b) sad
 - c) strange
 - d) excited
2. How many actors have a chance of winning an Oscar?
 - a) 21
 - b) 22
 - c) 20
 - d) 23
3. When did the LA Times carry out a survey?
 - a) 2009
 - b) 2010
 - c) 2011
 - d) 2012
4. What percentage of the Academy is white?
 - a) 92
 - b) 94
 - c) 96
 - d) 90
5. What do critics say there is too little of in the Oscars?
 - a) diversity
 - b) humour
 - c) musicals
 - d) popcorn
6. Who is Al Sharpton?
 - a) president of the Academy
 - b) an actor
 - c) an L.A. Times reporter
 - d) a civil rights campaigner
7. What mountain range did Al Sharpton compare the Academy to?
 - a) Alps
 - b) Hajar Mountains
 - c) Rocky Mountains
 - d) Himalayas
8. What movie in the article could win the 'Best Picture' award?
 - a) Thrill Ma
 - b) Selma
 - c) Thelma
 - d) Sell Ma
9. Who is Cheryl Boone Isaacs?
 - a) a director
 - b) an actress
 - c) president of the Academy
 - d) a reporter
10. What did Cheryl Boone Isaacs hope would become more diverse?
 - a) diversity
 - b) Hollywood
 - c) movies
 - d) opinions

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Science fiction

You think science fiction is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their genres aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, romance or biography.

Role B – Horror

You think horror is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their genres aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): science fiction, romance or biography.

Role C – Romance

You think romance is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their genres aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, science fiction or biography.

Role D – Biography

You think biography is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their genres aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, romance or science fiction.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150120-academy-awards.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'old' and 'white'.

old	white
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• angry• 20• women• 2012• 94• 62	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• like• higher• lack• strange• best• colour
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MOVIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about movies 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.

MOVIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'movie'?
- 3) What's your favourite movie?
- 4) What do you think of the Academy Awards (Oscars)?
- 5) Who do you think will win this year?
- 6) What do you think about what you read?
- 7) Why are most industries run by "old white men"?
- 8) What complaints do you have about movies?
- 9) Why are there so few women nominated this year?
- 10) How important is diversity?

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MOVIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What would it be like to have a job as a movie critic?
- 13) What does Al Sharpton's comment about the Rocky Mountains mean?
- 14) What should the movie industry do from now?
- 15) What did you think of the last movie you saw?
- 16) Are men or women better actors?
- 17) What do you think of Hollywood?
- 18) What would it be like to be a Hollywood actor?
- 19) Does Hollywood make the best films in the world?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Al Sharpton?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. | (a) angrily | (b) angered | (c) angry | (d) angers |
| 2. | (a) run | (b) running | (c) rune | (d) ruin |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) out | (c) up | (d) down |
| 4. | (a) carried | (b) stretchered | (c) delivered | (d) held |
| 5. | (a) be | (b) are | (c) is | (d) been |
| 6. | (a) soon | (b) small | (c) few | (d) little |
| 7. | (a) creatures | (b) craters | (c) critics | (d) citric |
| 8. | (a) get | (b) got | (c) getting | (d) gets |
| 9. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) at | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) nor | (b) not | (c) no | (d) none |
| 11. | (a) good | (b) best | (c) well | (d) nice |
| 12. | (a) hopped | (b) hoping | (c) hoped | (d) hope |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the movie tusndyir
2. People paeoidcmn
3. the directing or writing rcisgeotae
4. carried out a vsyrue
5. an eaevgra age of 62
6. there is too little iydsirevt in the Oscars

Paragraph 2

7. one of the biggest csiitrc
8. one of the movies ontedanim
9. 'Selma,' was about srcmia
10. up for an rdaaw
11. etiesrnpd of the Academy
12. regardless of their colour or gernde

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () is like the Rocky Mountains - the higher you get, the whiter it gets." He added that: "The lack
- () choose the men and women who are nominated for an Oscar. The LA Times survey found that the members of the
- () of diversity in [the] Oscar nominations is [terrible]." He said it was strange that one of the movies nominated
- () academy were 94 per cent white, largely male, with an average age of 62. Critics say this means there is too little diversity in the Oscars.
- () white actors in other movies were up for an award. Cheryl Boone Isaacs, president
- () for this year's 'Best Picture' award, 'Selma,' was about racism, but none of the actors in Selma nor any non-
- () out a survey in 2012 on who the members of the Academy are. The members are the people who
- () no women in the directing or writing categories. The Los Angeles Times newspaper carried
- () gender. However, she did say that she hoped Hollywood would become more diverse.
- () of the Academy, said the members do their best to nominate the best people, regardless of their colour or
- (**1**) Many people in the movie world are angry that Hollywood and the movie industry are run
- () out last Thursday because all 20 of the actors in with a chance of winning an Oscar are white. In addition, there are
- () Civil rights campaigner Al Sharpton was one of the biggest critics of the Academy. He complained that: "The movie industry
- () by "old white men". People complained after the Oscar nominations came

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. in angry the movie Many world people are .

2. came After out the last Oscar Thursday nominations .

3. chance a with in actors the of 20 All winning of .

4. categories There are no women in the directing or writing .

5. the too Oscars little diversity There in is .

6. of of the the Academy biggest critics One .

7. Mountains is like The the movie Rocky industry .

8. year's Movies 'Best nominated Picture' for award this .

9. the their nominate people do to best Members best .

10. Hollywood hoped She diverse more become would .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Many people in the movie world are *angrily* / *angry* that Hollywood and the movie industry are run by "old white men". People *complaining* / *complained* after the Oscar nominations came *out* / *in* last Thursday because all 20 of the actors in with a chance *for* / *of* winning an Oscar are white. In addition, there are no women *in* / *on* the directing or writing categories. The Los Angeles Times newspaper carried out a *survey* / *surveyed* in 2012 on who the members of the Academy *are* / *been*. The members are the people who choose the men and women who are *nomination* / *nominated* for an Oscar. The LA Times survey found that the members *of* / *by* the academy were 94 per cent white, largely male, with an *averaged* / *average* age of 62. Critics say this means there is too little diversity in the Oscars.

Civil rights campaigner Al Sharpton was one of the biggest *creatures* / *critics* of the Academy. He complained that: "The movie industry is like *a* / *the* Rocky Mountains - the higher you get, the whiter it *get* / *gets*." He added that: "The lack *of* / *for* diversity in [the] Oscar nominations is [terrible]." He said it was *strange* / *strangely* that one of the movies nominated for this year's 'Best Picture' award, 'Selma,' was about *racism* / *racist*, but none of the actors in Selma nor any non-white actors in *other* / *another* movies were up for an award. Cheryl Boone Isaacs, president of the Academy, said the members *do* / *doing* their best to nominate the best people, *regardless* / *regarding* of their colour or gender. However, she did say that she hoped Hollywood would become more *diverse* / *diversion*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M_ny p__pl_ _n th_ m_v__ w_rld _r_ _ngry th_t
H_llyw__d _nd th_ m_v__ _ndstry _r_ r_n by "_ld
wh_t_ m_n". P__pl_ c_mpl__n_d _ft_r th_ _scr
n_m_n_t__ns c_m_ __t l_st Th_rsd_y b_c__s_ _ll 20 _f
th_ _ct_rs _n w_th_ _ch_nc_ _f w_nn_ng _n _scr_ r_
wh_t_. _n _dd_t_n, th_r_ _r_ n_ w_m_n _n th_
d_r_ct_ng _r wr_t_ng c_t_g_r__s. Th_ L_s _ng_l_s
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th_ m_mb_rs _f th_ _c_d_my_r_. Th_ m_mb_rs _r_ th_
p__pl_ wh_ ch__s_ th_ m_n _nd w_m_n wh_ _r_
n_m_n_t_d_f_r _n _scr. Th_ L_ T_m_s s_rv_y _f__nd
th_t th_ m_mb_rs _f th_ _c_d_my_w_r_ 94 p_r_c_nt
wh_t_, l_rg_ly m_l_, w_th_ _n_v_r_g_ _g_ _f 62.
Cr_t_cs s_y th_s m__ns th_r_ _s_t__ lttl_d_v_rs_ty
n th _scr_s.

C_v_l_r_ghts c_m_p__gn_r_l Sh_rpt_n w_s _n_ _f th_
b_gg_st cr_t_cs _f th_ _c_d_my. H_ c_mpl__n_d th_t:
"Th_ m_v__ _ndstry _s l_k_ th_ R_cky M__nt__ns -
th_ h_g_h_r_y__g_t, th_ wh_t_r_t_g_ts." H_ _dd_d
th_t: "Th_ l_ck_ _f d_v_rs_ty _n [th_] _scr
n_m_n_t__ns _s [t_rr_bl_]." H_ s__d_t_w_s strng_
th_t _n_ _f th_ m_v__s n_m_n_t_d_f_r th_s y__r's
'B_st P_ct_r_' _w_r_d, 'S_lm_', 'w_s_b__t_r_c_sm, b_t
n_n_ _f th_ _ct_rs _n S_lm_n_r_ny n_n-wh_t_ _ct_rs
_n th_r m_v__s w_r_ _p_f_r_n_w_r_d. Ch_ryl B__n_
_s__cs, pr_s_d_nt _f th_ _c_d_my, s__d th_ m_mb_rs
d_th_r b_st t_n m_n_t_ th_b_st p__pl_, r_g_rdl_ss
_f th_r c_l__r_r_g_nd_r. H_w_v_r, sh_d_d_s_y th_t
sh_h_p_d H_llyw__d w__ld b_c_m_m_r_d_v_rs_.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **movies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the Oscars. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MOVIES: Make a poster about movies around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ACADEMY AWARDS: Write a magazine article about the Academy Awards. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on movies. Ask him/her three questions about movies. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make them better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c F d T e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. angry | a. annoyed |
| 2. complained | b. moaned |
| 3. chance | c. possibility |
| 4. survey | d. study |
| 5. diversity | e. variety |
| 6. big | f. important |
| 7. lack | g. shortage |
| 8. terrible | h. awful |
| 9. nominate | i. propose |
| 10. gender | j. sex |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Angry
2. 20
3. 2012
4. 94
5. Diversity
6. A civil rights campaigner
7. The Rocky Mountains
8. Selma
9. President of the Academy
10. Hollywood

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)