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**Level 3 – 1st July, 2018**

## China limits pay for movie stars

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# THE ARTICLE

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The Chinese government is putting a limit on how much pay its movie stars get. The government says that actors getting very high salaries is bad for society. Authorities say a lot of actors try to avoid paying tax and their love of money is harmful. Government officials said they want to stop "money worship" in society and in the movie industry because money is not the most important thing in life. The government also wants to try and stop a celebrity culture from developing. It says many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities" and turning them into heroes, which is giving people a false idea about what life is really like. The government said movies should benefit society, not movie star bank accounts.

The government has issued a set of rules that tell movie production companies how to pay their movie stars. The salaries of actors will be capped at 40 per cent of the total cost of the movie. Furthermore, leading actors will receive no more than 70 per cent of the total wages for the entire cast. Many Chinese citizens said they support the new rules. They say it is not good for society that "greedy" actors and celebrities are "showing off" their wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One Chinese citizen wrote on social media: "Society has given them too much and they give nothing back. They do not teach young people about the value and importance of humility and community in China."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. FILM STAR PAY:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about film star pay. 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?

government / movie stars / society / tax / society / money / celebrity / celebrities / rules / salaries / actors / cast / greedy / citizen / nothing / young people / community

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

**3. PAY:** Students A **strongly** believe movie stars should not get paid millions; Students B **strongly** believe they should. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. MOVIE STAR:** What would it be like to be a movie star? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Money		
Shopping		
Work		
Holidays		
Friends		
Internet		

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

**6. SALARIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the people who deserve the biggest salaries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- movie stars
- presidents
- teachers
- scientists
- soldiers
- astronauts
- nurses
- rock stars

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. limit       | a. Keep away from or stop oneself from doing something.   |
| 2. society     | b. An advantage or good thing you get from something.   |
| 3. authorities | c. A point or level that nothing can go above.  |
| 4. avoid       | d. The people or organizations that have power or control, usually in government.                                     |
| 5. worship     | e. All of the people living together in a country, town or community.   |
| 6. industry    | f. To greatly love a person or idea.  |
| 7. benefit     | g. All of the companies and businesses in one area of activity (e.g. cars, tourism, fishing, farming, IT, movies...). |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. issued       | h. Put a limit on something to stop it from going higher.                            |
| 9. capped       | i. In addition.  |
| 10. furthermore | j. Wanting too much of everything.   |
| 11. entire      | k. Gave something to someone or to many people.                                      |
| 12. cast        | l. A group of people living in the same place or having something similar in common. |
| 13. greedy      | m. The actors in a play, film, or other production.                                  |
| 14. community   | n. With no part left out; whole.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film\\_star-pay.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film_star-pay.html)

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

- a. China said high salaries for movie stars is bad for society. **T / F**
- b. The government wants to stop what it called "money worship". **T / F**
- c. China's government said money is the most important thing in life. **T / F**
- d. The government said movies should benefit society, not actors. **T / F**
- e. Actors' salaries will be capped at 40% of the total cost of the movie. **T / F**
- f. Many Chinese people agreed with the new salary rules. **T / F**
- g. People say movie stars should not follow a "Hollywood lifestyle". **T / F**
- h. A social media user said actors give nothing back to society. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>limit</b>      | a. growing        |
| 2. <b>avoid</b>      | b. worth          |
| 3. <b>developing</b> | c. following      |
| 4. <b>chasing</b>    | d. whole          |
| 5. <b>benefit</b>    | e. dodge          |
| 6. <b>issued</b>     | f. put a limit on |
| 7. <b>capped</b>     | g. riches         |
| 8. <b>entire</b>     | h. restrict       |
| 9. <b>wealth</b>     | i. be good for    |
| 10. <b>value</b>     | j. released       |

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

- |                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. try to avoid paying               | a. celebrities     |
| 2. in the movie                      | b. actors          |
| 3. blindly chasing                   | c. a set of rules  |
| 4. a false idea about what life      | d. tax             |
| 5. The government said movies should | e. of humility     |
| 6. The government has issued         | f. is really like  |
| 7. salaries of actors will be capped | g. industry        |
| 8. greedy                            | h. nothing back    |
| 9. they give                         | i. benefit society |
| 10. the value and importance         | j. at 40 per cent  |

# GAP FILL

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

The Chinese government is putting a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on how much pay its movie stars get. The government says that actors getting very high salaries is bad for (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Authorities say a lot of actors try to avoid paying tax and their (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of money is harmful. Government officials said they want to stop "money worship" in society and in the movie (4) \_\_\_\_\_ because money is not the most important thing in (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The government also wants to try and stop a celebrity culture from developing. It says many young people are "blindly (6) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrities" and turning them into heroes, which is giving people a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ idea about what life is really like. The government said movies should benefit society, not movie star bank (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*love*  
*false*  
*life*  
*limit*  
*accounts*  
*society*  
*chasing*  
*industry*

The government has issued a set of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that tell movie production companies how to pay their movie stars. The salaries of actors will be (10) \_\_\_\_\_ at 40 per cent of the total cost of the movie. Furthermore, leading actors will receive no more than 70 per cent of the total wages for the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ cast. Many Chinese citizens said they (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the new rules. They say it is not good for society that "(13) \_\_\_\_\_" actors and celebrities are "showing off" their wealth and "Hollywood (14) \_\_\_\_\_". One Chinese citizen wrote on social media: "Society has given them too much and they give (15) \_\_\_\_\_ back. They do not teach young people about the value and importance of humility and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in China."

*support*  
*nothing*  
*capped*  
*community*  
*greedy*  
*rules*  
*entire*  
*lifestyles*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film\\_star-pay.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film_star-pay.html)

- 1) The Chinese government is putting a limit on how much pay its \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. movie star get
  - b. movie stars gets
  - c. moving stars get
  - d. movie stars get
- 2) The government says that actors getting very high salaries \_\_\_\_\_ society
  - a. is badly for
  - b. is bad for
  - c. is bad fourly
  - d. is bad fore
- 3) Authorities say a lot of actors try to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. avoidance paying tax
  - b. avoid paying tax
  - c. avoids paying tax
  - d. a void paying tax
- 4) It says many young people are blindly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. chase in celebrities
  - b. chasing in celebrities
  - c. chasing celebrities
  - d. chasing celebrity
- 5) The government said movies should benefit society, not movie star \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bank accounts
  - b. banks accounts
  - c. banked a counts
  - d. bank a counts
- 6) The salaries of actors will be capped at 40 per cent of the total \_\_\_\_\_ movie
  - a. costly of the
  - b. cost of the
  - c. costed of the
  - d. costs of the
- 7) actors will receive no more than 70 per cent of the total wages for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the entire cast
  - b. the entirely cast
  - c. the entirety cast
  - d. the in tyre cast
- 8) it is not good for society that greedy actors and celebrities are showing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. off their wealthy
  - b. off their wealth
  - c. off them wealth
  - d. off them wealthy
- 9) Society has given them too much and they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. give nothing pack
  - b. give nothing black
  - c. give nothing back
  - d. give nothing hack
- 10) teach young people about the value and importance \_\_\_\_\_ community
  - a. of who meal a tea and
  - b. of humility and
  - c. of hue mill a tea and
  - d. of hue matey and

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

The Chinese government is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on how much pay its movie stars get. The government says that actors getting very high salaries is (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Authorities say a lot of actors try to avoid paying tax and their love of money is harmful. Government officials said they want to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in society and in the movie industry because money is not the most important thing in life. The government also wants to try and stop (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from developing. It says many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities" and turning them into heroes, which is giving people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ about what life is really like. The government said movies should benefit society, not movie (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The government has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of rules that tell movie production companies how to pay their movie stars. The salaries of actors will be capped at 40 per cent of the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the movie. Furthermore, leading actors will receive no more than 70 per cent of the total wages for (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Many Chinese citizens said they support the new rules. They say it is not good for society that "greedy" actors and celebrities are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One Chinese citizen wrote on social media: "Society has given them too much and they (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They do not teach young people about the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of humility and community in China."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What did the government say high salaries are bad for?
2. What did the government say actors avoid?
3. What does the government want to stop the worship of?
4. What does the government want to stop people chasing?
5. What did the government say movies should benefit?
6. What's the most companies will be able to pay actors?
7. What's the most leading actors will be able to get from total wages?
8. What kind of lifestyles are actors showing off?
9. What did someone on social media say actors gave back to society?
10. What did a social media user say should teach the value of humility?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What did the government say high salaries are bad for?
  - a) actors
  - b) society
  - c) government
  - d) movies
- 2) What did the government say actors avoid?
  - a) people
  - b) Hollywood
  - c) other actors
  - d) tax
- 3) What does the government want to stop the worship of?
  - a) gods
  - b) actors
  - c) money
  - d) movie producers
- 4) What does the government want to stop people chasing?
  - a) celebrities
  - b) dreams
  - c) each other
  - d) cars
- 5) What did the government say movies should benefit?
  - a) humankind
  - b) society
  - c) Hollywood
  - d) tax
- 6) What's the most companies will be able to pay actors?
  - a) 40% of the movie's cost
  - b) 45% of the movie's cost
  - c) 44% of the movie's cost
  - d) 14% of the movie's cost
- 7) What's the most leading actors will be able to get from total wages?
  - a) 50%
  - b) 60%
  - c) 70%
  - d) 40%
- 8) What kind of lifestyles are actors showing off?
  - a) Hollywood
  - b) healthy
  - c) modern
  - d) Beijing
- 9) What did someone on social media say actors gave back to society?
  - a) pleasure
  - b) culture
  - c) tax
  - d) nothing
- 10) What did a social media user say should teach the value of humility?
  - a) newspapers
  - b) the president
  - c) actors and celebrities
  - d) schools

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Movie Stars**

You think movie stars should get the highest salary. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people getting the highest salary. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): English teachers, soldiers or presidents.

## **Role B – English Teachers**

You think English teachers should get the highest salary. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people getting the highest salary. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): movie stars, soldiers or presidents.

## **Role C – Soldiers**

You think soldiers should get the highest salary. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people getting the highest salary. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): English teachers, movie stars or presidents.

## **Role D – Presidents**

You think presidents should get the highest salary. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people getting the highest salary. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): English teachers, soldiers or movie stars.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

film	star

- 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"><li>• limit</li><li>• love</li><li>• most</li><li>• developing</li><li>• turning</li><li>• really</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• set</li><li>• 40</li><li>• 70</li><li>• good</li><li>• nothing</li><li>• value</li></ul>
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# FILM STAR PAY SURVEY

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

# FILM STAR PAY DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'movie'?
3. What do you think of movie stars?
4. Why should movie stars get big salaries?
5. Should there be a limit on all salaries?
6. Who should get more money, an actor or a nurse?
7. What do you think of movie stars who do not pay tax?
8. Is a love of money bad?
9. Why do people love celebrities?
10. Should movies do more to teach people values?

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# FILM STAR PAY DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'actor'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Who is your favourite actor, and why?
15. Do you prefer male or female actors?
16. Would you be a good movie star?
17. Will the new rules help or harm the movie industry?
18. What is wrong with celebrities showing off a Hollywood lifestyle?
19. What do you think of the movies from your country?
20. What questions would you like to ask movie stars?

# 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

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

The Chinese government is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a limit on how much pay its movie stars get. The government says that actors (2) \_\_\_\_\_ very high salaries is bad for society. Authorities say a lot of actors try to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ paying tax and their love of money is harmful. Government officials said they want to stop "money worship" in society and in the movie industry because money is not the most important (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in life. The government also wants to try and stop a celebrity culture (5) \_\_\_\_\_ developing. It says many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities" and turning them into heroes, which is giving people a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ idea about what life is really like. The government said movies should benefit society, not movie star bank accounts.

The government has issued a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of rules that tell movie production companies how to pay their movie stars. The salaries of actors will be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ at 40 per cent of the total cost of the movie. Furthermore, leading actors will receive no more than 70 per cent of the total wages for the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ cast. Many Chinese citizens said they support the new rules. They say it is not good for society that "greedy" actors and celebrities are "showing (10) \_\_\_\_\_" their wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One Chinese citizen wrote on social media: "Society has given them too much and they give nothing (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They do not teach young people about the value and importance (12) \_\_\_\_\_ humility and community in China."

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

- |     |                |             |               |               |
|-----|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) put        | (b) puts    | (c) putting   | (d) putter    |
| 2.  | (a) get        | (b) getting | (c) gets      | (d) go-getter |
| 3.  | (a) avail      | (b) avid    | (c) void      | (d) avoid     |
| 4.  | (a) item       | (b) thing   | (c) stuff     | (d) object    |
| 5.  | (a) for        | (b) of      | (c) from      | (d) off       |
| 6.  | (a) two-timing | (b) fraud   | (c) incorrect | (d) false     |
| 7.  | (a) agenda     | (b) table   | (c) set       | (d) whole     |
| 8.  | (a) capped     | (b) hatted  | (c) lidded    | (d) corked    |
| 9.  | (a) entry      | (b) entire  | (c) entail    | (d) entity    |
| 10. | (a) across     | (b) over    | (c) on        | (d) off       |
| 11. | (a) on         | (b) over    | (c) forward   | (d) back      |
| 12. | (a) to         | (b) by      | (c) of        | (d) as        |



# SPELLING

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film\\_star\\_pay.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film_star_pay.html)

## Paragraph 1

1. getting very high saerlasi
2. Government cfiasoilf
3. in the movie tdnrisyu
4. stop a yelercitb culture
5. movies should ienetbf society
6. movie star bank aoctcsun

## Paragraph 2

7. isesud a set of rules
8. wages for the irneet cast
9. purpost the new rules
10. Hollywood lyeessltfi
11. One Chinese ntziice
12. tuhilyim and community

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) The government has issued a set of rules that tell movie production companies how to
- ( ) high salaries is bad for society. Authorities say a lot of actors try to avoid paying
- ( ) like. The government said movies should benefit society, not movie star bank accounts.
- ( ) society and in the movie industry because money is not the most important thing in life. The government also wants to
- ( ) cast. Many Chinese citizens said they support the new rules. They say it is not good for society that "greedy"
- ( ) celebrities" and turning them into heroes, which is giving people a false idea about what life is really
- ( ) tax and their love of money is harmful. Government officials said they want to stop "money worship" in
- ( ) try and stop a celebrity culture from developing. It says many young people are "blindly chasing
- ( ) movie. Furthermore, leading actors will receive no more than 70 per cent of the total wages for the entire
- ( ) citizen wrote on social media: "Society has given them too much and they give nothing
- ( **1** ) The Chinese government is putting a limit on how much pay its movie stars get. The government says that actors getting very
- ( ) actors and celebrities are "showing off" their wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One Chinese
- ( ) back. They do not teach young people about the value and importance of humility and community in China."
- ( ) pay their movie stars. The salaries of actors will be capped at 40 per cent of the total cost of the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. getting for society . Actors high bad is salaries
2. most life . thing the isn't Money important in
3. are It says blindly celebrities . chasing young people
4. about A like . what false is life idea
5. government said The benefit movies society . should
6. government of a issued The has rules . set
7. will of The be capped . actors salaries
8. citizens said the new they Chinese rules . support
9. is say good not They it for society .
10. the teach not value . do about They people

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The Chinese government is putting a limit *in / on* how much pay its movie stars get. The government says that actors getting very high salaries is bad *for / from* society. Authorities say a lot of actors *tried / try* to avoid paying tax and their love of money *be / is* harmful. Government officials said they want to stop "money worship" in society and in the movie *industrial / industry* because money is not the most *important / importance* thing in life. The government also wants to *try / trying* and stop a celebrity culture from developing. It says many young people are "*blindly / blind* chasing celebrities" and turning them into *heroics / heroes*, which is giving people a false idea about what life is really like. The government said movies should *benefit / beneficial* society, not movie star bank accounts.

The government has issued a *sets / set* of rules that tell movie production companies how to *paid / pay* their movie stars. The salaries of actors will be *mapped / capped* at 40 per cent of the total cost of the movie. *Addition / Furthermore*, leading actors will receive no *most / more* than 70 per cent of the total wages for the entire cast. Many Chinese citizens said they support the new *rules / rulers*. They say it is not good for society that "greedy" actors and celebrities are "showing *off / on*" their wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One Chinese citizen wrote on social *medium / media*: "Society has given them too *many / much* and they give nothing back. They do not teach young people about the value and importance of humility and community *in / on* China."

**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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The Chinese government is putting a limit on how much pay acts receive. The government says that actors getting very high salaries should be taxed. Another way to limit actors is to try to avoid paying tax and to have a low tax rate. The government is saying that they want to stop "many wars" on society and on the movie industry because many are not the most important things in life. The government also wants to try and stop celebrity culture from developing. It says many young people "blindly chase" celebrities and turning them into heroes, which is giving people false ideas about what life is really like. The government should ban bank accounts.

The government has said that it will limit the number of contracts that actors will be paid at 40 per cent of their total cost of the movie. Furthermore, limiting contracts will reduce the number of contracts to 70 per cent of their total wages for the entire cost. Many Chinese citizens said they support the new rules. They say that is not good for society that has "golden rules" and "celebrities" who are "hanging off" their wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". On Chinese citizens wrote in a comment: "Society has given them too much and they are giving back. They don't teach young people about the value and importance of humility and community in China."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. FILM STAR PAY:** Make a poster about film star pay. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MOVIE STARS:** Write a magazine article about movie stars always having to teach young people about good values. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 film star pay. Ask him/her three questions about film star pay. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. limit      | a. restrict       |
| 2. avoid      | b. dodge          |
| 3. developing | c. growing        |
| 4. chasing    | d. following      |
| 5. benefit    | e. be good for    |
| 6. issued     | f. released       |
| 7. capped     | g. put a limit on |
| 8. entire     | h. whole          |
| 9. wealth     | i. riches         |
| 10. value     | j. worth          |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Society
- Taxes
- Money
- Celebrities
- Society
- Forty per cent of the movie's cost
- Seventy per cent of wages for the cast
- Hollywood lifestyles
- Nothing
- Movies

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Actors getting high salaries is bad for society.
- Money isn't the most important thing in life.
- It says young people are blindly chasing celebrities.
- A false idea about what life is like.
- The government said movies should benefit society.
- The government has issued a set of rules.
- The salaries of actors will be capped.
- Chinese citizens said they support the new rules.
- They say it is not good for society.
- They do not teach people about the value.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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