Warm-up

First, before the session, create ten true/false statements about Hollywood and Bollywood movies, such as *Bollywood movies are from Canada*. This will help focus students on the topic and gather some information.

Teaching Tip

For Exercise 4
First, give students a few minutes to formulate their answers to the question. Then, have students stand in concentric circles, facing another student. Have each student share their answer and reasons. Finally, ask the outside circle to move one student to the left and repeat twice or thrice.

Differentiation Strategy

For Exercise 3
Go to the Differentiation Strategies Bank and adapt this exercise using Strategy 6.

Flexi Exercises
(To adjust to students' needs, you can either use or not the activities below)

Exercise 1

Arts

How do different film cultures shape our movie preferences?

01 Look at the images on these pages. With a classmate, discuss the questions.

› What types of movies are they promoting?
› Which would you like to see? Why?

02 Read "Not the Only Game in Town" and identify if the statements are true "T," false "F," or not mentioned "NM."

1. Hollywood movies are all the same. **F**
2. Hollywood stars are internationally known. **T**
3. Hollywood and Bollywood are not the only film industries. **T**
4. The blogger is Team Bollywood. **NM**
5. Hollywood is an older film empire. **NM**

03 Read the blog again and complete the graphic organizer.

Hollywood	Both	Bollywood
fast-paced action, special effects, many genres, stars internationally recognized	extremely lucrative	dramatic, dancing, musicals, love stories, mix of tradition and modern themes

04 Are you Team Hollywood or Team Bollywood? Why? Explain your reasons to a classmate.

Not the Only Game in Town

Hey, **cinephiles**, we're back for another blog on the world of film. While many cinematic styles bring their flavor to their movies, these two industries dominate the international film scene. So today, we'll consider the differences between them.
First, our question is: Are you Team Hollywood or Team Bollywood? If unsure, here are some key distinguishing factors between these amazing and extremely **lucrative** filmmaking empires.

Let's start with that **omnipresent** cinematic power, Hollywood. What characterizes Hollywood movies? Look for fast-paced stories, lots of action, and impressive special effects. Hollywood movies, such as *Mission: Impossible* (1996-2025), *Predator* (1987-2025), *Alien* (1979-2024) series, can be recognized by their big-budget blockbusters. Hollywood movies feature superheroes, including comic book heroes like Superman and Batman, and 'universes' like *Marvel*, *Star Wars*, and *Star Trek*. The stars of Hollywood cinematic offerings are internationally known, and Hollywood has an extensive **range** of genres: rom-com, sci-fi, and action. There's a genre for every taste.

On the other hand, Bollywood films are energetic **fantasies** filled with music, dance, and emotions—there's dancing in the streets, dramatic love stories, and incredible soundtracks. They blend Indian tradition with modern themes and tend to be longer, more dramatic, more **emotional** than Hollywood films, and more musical than Hollywood musicals. Some examples of these clearly defined style elements include *RRR* (2022), *3 Idiots* (2017), *Dangal* (2016).

Whether you're Team Hollywood or Team Bollywood, I invite you to watch films from the **rival** team. This may open the door to movies from around the world, like Korean or Chinese ones. There's a whole world out there!

Language Structures and Functions Tip

For Exercise 6
First, remind students that homophones are words that sound the same, but look different and have different meanings. Then, elicit examples to ensure students understand the difference between homophones and homonyms. Finally, if time allows and you deem necessary, review the grammar point in more detail.

Teaching Tip

For Exercise 8
First, have students create a video pitching their movie idea. Then, create an evaluation checklist for students, such as: *Is the idea interesting? Would people watch it? Is it a popular genre? Is it different from movies that exist?* Finally, after watching all the videos, have students choose the film they would most like to see made.

Differentiation Strategy

For Exercise 7
Go to the Differentiation Strategies Bank and adapt this exercise using Strategy 2b.

Wrap-up

First, close the session with a final discussion of the power of cultural difference in movies and what can be learned from international films.

Flexi Exercises
(To adjust to students' needs, you can either use or not the activities below)

Exercise 5

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05 Work with a classmate to complete each pair of sentences with the same homonym. Then, discuss the difference in meaning.

1a. Many Bollywood films include dramatic scenes where the couple's first _____ date _____ is filled with dancing.

1b. The release _____ date _____ of a Hollywood movie is usually part of the trailer, long before the movie comes out.

2a. Hollywood action films often show cars flying through the air as they _____ spring _____ over explosions.

2b. Bollywood releases romantic movies in _____ spring _____ to match the feel of the season.

3a. Some Hollywood thrillers include exciting boat chases near the river _____ bank _____ .

3b. In Bollywood crime dramas, the villains often rob a _____ bank _____ as part of the plot.

06 Write four sentences about Hollywood or Bollywood movies. Use one homophone in each sentence. Work with a classmate and take turns dictating your sentences. Then, check if you got them right.
Answers will vary.

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07 Write a review of a typical Hollywood or Bollywood film. Include the following information:

› name, genre, and stars of the film
› characteristics that make it typical of its industry
› what you liked and disliked about the film
› the reasons why you would or wouldn't recommend the film

08 Work with a classmate. Create an idea for a film that combines Bollywood and Hollywood. Then, present it to another pair.

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