



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.”

- Hollywood movies are all the same.
- Hollywood stars are internationally known.
- Hollywood and Bollywood are not the only film industries.
- The blogger is Team Bollywood.
- Hollywood is an older film empire.

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03 Read the blog again and complete the graphic organizer.

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

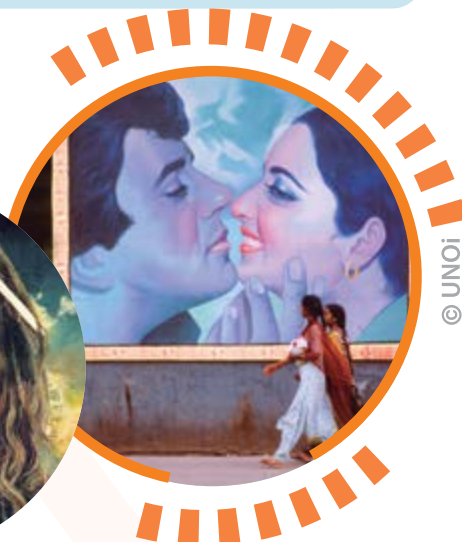
Not the Only Game in Town

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!



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 _____ is filled with dancing.

1b. The release _____ 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 _____ over explosions.

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

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

3b. In Bollywood crime dramas, the villains often rob a _____ 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.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____



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.

