

The Shape of Water wins the Oscar for best film

Elementary

1 Warmer

These famous films all won a lot of Oscars but which won the most Oscars? Put them in order from 1 (the most) to 5 (the fewest).

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| 1. _____ | a. <i>La La Land</i> |
| 2. _____ | b. <i>Titanic</i> |
| 3. _____ | c. <i>Slumdog Millionaire</i> |
| 4. _____ | d. <i>The Last Emperor</i> |
| 5. _____ | e. <i>Shakespeare in Love</i> |

2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

ceremony

award

director

effects

statue

role

1. An _____ is a prize that is given to someone who has done something special. (para 1)
2. A _____ is a formal public event. (para 1)
3. The _____ of a film is the person who tells the actors what to do. (para 1)
4. _____ are special images and sounds made for a film. (para 1)
5. A _____ is an image of a person and is usually made of stone or metal. (para 2)
6. A _____ is the character an actor plays in a film. (para 4)

3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. When and where did the 2018 Academy Awards take place?
2. How many films have won 11 Oscars?
3. When was the first Oscar ceremony?
4. In total, how many Oscars have been given?
5. Which film won the Oscar for best film in 2018?
6. How much does an Oscar statue weigh?

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- 1 Every year in the USA, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) gives special awards, known as the Academy Awards, at a ceremony in Hollywood. These awards are also known as the Oscars. They are given for different areas of film-making, including the best film, the best actress, the best actor and the best director, and also for sound, effects, music and so on.
- 2 The first Oscar ceremony was in 1929. Since then, AMPAS has given more than 3,000 Oscars. Each winner receives a small gold-coloured statue, which is 34 centimetres tall and weighs 3.8 kilograms.
- 3 The most Oscars won by a film is eleven. Three films hold this record: *Ben Hur* (1959), *Titanic* (1997) and *Lords of the Rings – The Return of the King* (2003). The person who holds the record for winning the most Oscars is Walt Disney. The famous film producer, who died in 1966, won 22 Oscars, mainly for cartoons.
- 4 The 2018 Academy Awards ceremony took place on 4 March in Hollywood. The ceremony usually takes place in February but it was later this time because of the Winter Olympic Games. The film *The Shape of Water* won the Oscar for the best film and its director, Guillermo del Toro, won the best director Oscar. The British actor Gary Oldman won the Oscar for best actor for playing the Second World War British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, in the film *Darkest Hour*. The best actress Oscar was won by Frances McDormand for her role in *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*.
- 5 There is also an Oscar for the best film in a foreign language. In 2018, the Oscar was won by a film from Chile, *A Fantastic Woman*, directed by Sebastián Lelio.

4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

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| 1. The film producer Walt Disney ... | a. ... took place in 1929. |
| 2. The 2018 Academy Awards ceremony took place later than usual ... | b. ... eleven Oscars. |
| 3. The first Oscar ceremony ... | c. ... holds the record for winning the most Oscars. |
| 4. Gary Oldman won the Oscar for best actor ... | d. ... was won by <i>A Fantastic Woman</i> . |
| 5. <i>Titanic</i> won ... | e. ... because of the Winter Olympic Games. |
| 6. The 2018 Oscar for best foreign language film ... | f. ... for his role as Winston Churchill. |

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5 Verb + noun collocations

Match the verbs in the left-hand column with the nouns in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

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| 1. take | a. a record |
| 2. win | b. a film |
| 3. direct | c. place |
| 4. hold | d. an Oscar |

6 Word-building

Complete the table using words from the text.

	verb	noun (person)
1.	direct	
2.	win	
3.	produce	
4.	act	_____ or _____

7 Word stress

Put these words from the text into two groups according to their word stress.

receive record (n) famous award special direct

A o o	B o o

8 Discussion

- What is your favourite film? Think of three reasons why you like it, then tell your partner.

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1. *Titanic* (11 Oscars)
2. *The Last Emperor* (9 Oscars)
3. *Slumdog Millionaire* (8 Oscars)
4. *Shakespeare in Love* (7 Oscars)
5. *La La Land* (6 Oscars)

2 Key words

1. award
2. ceremony
3. director
4. effects
5. statue
6. role

3 Find the information

1. 4 March in Hollywood
2. three
3. 1929
4. more than 3,000
5. *The Shape of Water*
6. 3.8 kilograms

4 Comprehension check

1. c
2. e
3. a
4. f
5. b
6. d

5 Verb + noun collocations

1. c
2. d
3. b
4. a

6 Word-building

1. director
2. winner
3. producer
4. actor/actress

7 Word stress

A 0 0	B o 0
record	receive
famous	award
special	direct