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Saritha is watching a Bollywood movie with her boyfriend Chris. Bollywood movies are filmed in the Hindi language by the film industry based in Mumbai, India. The ‘B’ in Bollywood comes from ‘Bombay’, the old name for Mumbai. Traditional Bollywood movies are not meant to be realistic. They are usually musicals with plenty of dance, romance, action and very often violence. The reason for their popularity is that most people in India are poor and these films provide an escape from the reality of their daily lives. For the middle class, they are a way to live out fantasies of falling in love and marrying the man or woman of their dreams. This is not common in a country where their spouses are usually selected for them in what are called ‘arranged marriages’.  When you watch a traditional Bollywood movie, be prepared for a film, usually not shorter than two and a half hours, whose main purpose is to entertain.

This is Chris’ first Bollywood movie. He presses pause and turns to Saritha. “Let me see if I understand this. The ‘hero’ was just shot six times; fell out of a window on the fourth floor, got on his motorcycle and came back into the building by crashing through the door. He then escapes with the girl and they are now singing and dancing together?”

1. I love watching comedies but I also enjoy a good drama once in a while.
2. The characters in this film are based on real people.
3. This director is really difficult to work with.
4. We are shooting on location in Bangkok, Thailand not on a movie set.
5. The producer has been arguing with the director for three hours.
6. The studio will not let us hire this actor.
7. The actress took Arabic classes for six months to do this role.
8. Jackie Chan does all his own stunts.
9. The script was completed one day before they began shooting the film.
10. There were no well-known actors in the cast.
11. This drama series is silly. They should fire the writers.
12. I never like these reality shows.
13. I prefer to watch documentaries.
14. Where is the remote? I want to change the channel.
15. This comedian is really serious in real life.
16. She had to speak with a Russian accent for this role.
17. The movie is a thriller but also a comedy.
18. It’s just a cartoon but the animation is amazing.
19. The special effects are incredible.
20. She was nominated for an Oscar but she didn’t win.