

The 7 Steps -
February



1. CONTEXT



The Grammy / Academy Awards

Listening Questions 1

1. What are 'The Grammy Awards'? What is the origin of this name?
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2. Who won the 'Record of the Year' award in 1984 and 2017?
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3. What did Bruno Mars win in 2018?
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4. Name two artists who have won 20 or more Grammy awards.
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5. Where will the 2019 Grammy Awards be held?
_____.

Listening Questions 2

1. What is another name for the Academy Awards?
_____.
2. When were the first Academy Awards held? What edition is it in 2019?
_____.
3. What movie won the 'Best Picture' award in 2018?
_____.
4. How heavy and tall is the Oscar statuette?
_____.
5. Name one comedian and one actor who have hosted the Academy Awards.
_____.

Discussion Questions

1. What impact do music and movies have on you?
2. Do you think annual award ceremonies are too extravagant and a waste of resources?

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

TRANSCRIPT 1

4. CHECK ANSWERS



Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

In February, many music fans will be **tuning in to** the Grammy Awards to see how their favorite artists do. 'The Grammys' are an annual awards ceremony for the music industry and the 2019 show will be the 61st edition. According to the New Oxford American Dictionary, the word 'Grammy' is a mixture of 'gramophone' and 'Emmy', the latter being the name of the award presented at 'The Emmys', a TV awards event.

Some famous victories over the last few decades in the 'Record of the Year' category include: 'Hello' (Adele, 2017), 'Change the World' (Eric Clapton, 1997) 'Beat It' (Michael Jackson, 1984) and 'Hotel California' (Eagles, 1978).

In 2018, Bruno Mars won several awards including 'Record of the Year' and 'Song of the Year.' Some famous artists with twenty or more Grammy wins over the course of their career include Stevie Wonder, Beyonce, and Bruce Springsteen. Wonder and Mars, **along with** many other famous singers, have appeared in a TV segment called 'Carpool Karaoke' with James Corden. Corden, a TV talk show host, first hosted the Grammys in 2017.

The first Grammy Awards were actually held in two different locations at the same time, Los Angeles and New York. The 2018 event was held in Madison Square Garden, home of the NBA's New York Knicks, while in 2019 it will be in the Staples Center – home arena of the LA Lakers and Clippers.

MATCH THE ANTONYMS BY DRAWING LINES BELOW:

Pivotal	Ignore
Tune into	Condemn
Chronologically	Excluding
Along with	Inconsequential
Reward	Out of order

TRANSCRIPT 2

Another major annual awards ceremony taking place in February is 'The Academy Awards', or 'The Oscars' as they are also known. This ceremony **rewards** excellence in the film industry.

The very first Academy Awards ceremony was held in 1929 and the 2019 edition is the 91st. A few of the interesting TV milestones listed on their website include 1953, the first time the Oscars were broadcast on television, 1966, when audiences could first watch them in color, and 1969, when proceedings were first televised around the world. In 2018, roughly 26 million people watched the Academy Awards.

In 2018, 'The Shape of Water' won the 'Best Picture' award, while the Oscars for 'Best Actor' and 'Best Actress' went to Gary Oldman and Frances McDormand respectively. When it comes to Japanese productions, two films won an Oscar in 2009, one for 'Best Foreign Language Film,' and the other for 'Best Animated Film'. The famous golden statuette that the winners take home weighs about 4 kg and is just over 34 cm tall.

The show's host plays a **pivotal** role and some of the most famous include comedians Bob Hope, Billy Crystal and Ellen DeGeneres, as well as actors Hugh Jackman and Neil Patrick Harris. **Chronologically**, the Oscars come before the Cannes Film Festival which is held in May. Other important film festivals include those in Toronto and Venice.

5. CHECK VOCABULARY



Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

6. READ ALOUD



Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

7. SHADOWING



Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5