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## **Nice to Meet You, Oscar**

Every year, around late February or early March, the entire world watches the Academy Awards ceremony, also known as “the Oscars”. Millions of people around the world are eager to know: What movie will win best picture? Who will the best actor and actress award go to? Music lovers want to know what song will win the best original award and children wonder which animated film will win. Another question that people ask every year is: why “Oscar”? Where did the name for the award come from?

The only thing we know for sure is that the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences started calling the award Oscar in 1939. That was a decade after it started giving away awards in cinema. Historians and researchers who tried to find the origin of the name, came up with three different stories.

The first story is about the legendary actress Bette Davis. She won two Oscars, in 1935 and in 1938, and in 1941 she became the first woman who was the president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Davis claimed she was the one who gave the Oscar its name. She said that she named him after her first husband, the musician Harmon Oscar Nelson.

The second story is about Eleanore Lilleberg, who worked for the Academy as a secretary. According to the story, Lilleberg had an acquaintance named Oscar. He was a military man from Norway, and he was tall and stood straight just like the award statue. So she named the award after him.

The third story, which is the one that most historians and researchers believe, is about Margaret Herrick. She was the Academy's first librarian, and later she was promoted and became the Academy's Executive Director. she was very well-known in the Academy and had a lot of influence. According to this story, the first time Herrick saw the award statue, she responded by saying "He looks just like my uncle Oscar!" And since then people use that name.

### Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions about the text:

1. What is "the Oscars"
  - a. a movie
  - b. An actor
  - c. a ceremony
  - d. a song
  
2. According to the first paragraph, people are \_\_\_\_\_ about the name "Oscar".
  - a. curious
  - b. angry
  - c. wonder
  - d. happy
  
3. When did they start to use the name "Oscar" for the award?
  - a. 1935
  - b. 1941
  - c. 1938
  - d. 1939
  
4. There are three \_\_\_\_\_ stories about the origin of the name.
  - a. similar

- b. funny
- c. invented
- d. different

5. What was Bette Davis' unique achievement?

- a. She won an Oscar in 1935..
- b. She was married to the musician Harnos Oscar Nelson.
- c. She was the first female president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
- d. She claimed that the Oscar was named by her after her husband.

6. Eleanore Lilleberg's friend named the Oscar after a military man.

- a. True
- b. False

7. Margaret Herrick got a \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

- a. promotion
- b. influence
- c. library
- d. statue

## Vocabulary

1. What is another word for "award"?

- a. ceremony
- b. prize
- c. statue

2. "To be eager" means to:

- a. To win an award.

- b. To search for something new.
- c. To want something very much.

3. What does “decade” mean?

- a. A difficult decision.
- b. A period of ten years.
- c. An interesting story.

4. What is the opposite of “first”?

- a. last
- b. one
- c. middle

5. To be “well-known” is to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. rich
- b. famous
- c. important

## Grammar

The following sentences are in the PAST SIMPLE tense. Change them into the FUTURE SIMPLE tense:

1. Historians and researchers tried to find the origin of the name.
2. She won two Oscars.
3. She became the first woman who was the president of the Academy.
4. She said that she named him after her first husband.

5. She had an acquaintance.

6. He was a military man.

7. She was promoted.

8. She saw the award statue.