



## Questions Questions

Read the NiE topic page Movie Madness and answer these questions.

1. Where were the 83<sup>rd</sup> Academy Awards® held?
2. Who were the presenters?
3. What is used to mark the arrival of celebrities at the Awards?
4. In what year were the first Academy Awards® held?
5. What is the name of the organisation that runs the event?
6. What is the nickname given to the statuette presented to the winners?
7. What is used on the statuette to represent actors, directors, producers, technicians and writers?
8. How old was the youngest Oscar® recipient?
9. To qualify for an award, how long must a film be?
10. How many years has the category for Best Animated Feature film been awarded?



## The Categories

At present, the Academy Awards® ceremony has 24 categories, in which winners are announced. Another seven special achievement awards are also presented by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

Find the 24 categories being awarded at this year's event in the word trails and list them in alphabetical order.

soundeditingcostumedesignartdirectionfilmeditingdirecting  
 foreignlanguagefilmbestpicturevisualeffectssoundmixing  
 actressinasupportingroledocumentaryfeaturemakeup  
 animatedfeaturefilmshortfilmanimatedcinematography  
 musicoriginalsongactorinaleadingroleshortfilmliveaction  
 writingadaptedscreenplayactressinaleadingrole  
 actorinasupportingrolewritingoriginalscreenplay  
 musicoriginalscoredocumentaryshortsubject





## BEST PICTURE

Some of the nominations for this years category of Best Picture are listed below. Can you match each title with their correct synopsis to find out what the movie is about?

**Black Swan**

**The Fighter**

**Toy Story 3**

**The King's Speech**

**127 Hours**

**The Social Network**

**True Grit**

**Winter's Bone**

Tells the story of the man who became King George VI, the father of Queen Elizabeth II. After his brother abdicates, George ('Bertie') reluctantly assumes the throne. Plagued by a dreaded stammer and considered unfit to be king, Bertie engages the help of an unorthodox speech therapist named Lionel Logue. Through a set of unexpected techniques, and as a result of an unlikely friendship, Bertie is able to find his voice and boldly lead the country through war.

Living in the Ozark back country, seventeen year old Ree Dolly acts as the primary caregiver to her mentally ill mother, and her two younger siblings, twelve year old Sonny and six year old Ashlee. Her father, Jessup Dolly, is generally absent from their lives. Without money from Jessup, Ree is barely able to make ends meet so she has to try and find Jessup otherwise they risk losing their home. Ree goes on a quest to know more about his whereabouts.

Woody, Buzz and the whole gang are back to the big screen as Andy prepares to depart for college and his loyal toys find themselves in... daycare! These untamed tots with their sticky little fingers do not play nice, so it's all for one and one for all as plans for the great escape get underway. A few new faces-some plastic, some plush-join the adventure, including Barbie's counterpart Ken, a thespian hedgehog, Mr. Pricklepants and a pink, strawberry-scented teddy bear called Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear

This is the true story of mountain climber Aron Ralston's remarkable adventure to save himself after a fallen boulder crashes on his arm and traps him in an isolated canyon in Utah. Over the next five days Ralston examines his life and survives the elements to finally discover he has the courage and the wherewithal to extricate himself by any means necessary, scale a 65 foot wall and hike over eight miles before he is finally rescued.

Following the death of her father, 14-year-old farm girl Mattie Ross sets out to capture the killer. To aid her, she hires the toughest U.S. marshal she can find, Reuben J. "Rooster" Cogburn. Mattie insists on accompanying him against his wishes. She joins him in the trek where they find danger and surprises on the journey.

Nina is a ballerina in a New York City ballet company whose life, like all those in her profession, is completely consumed with dance. When artistic director Thomas Leroy decides to replace the prima ballerina for the opening production of their new season, Swan Lake, Nina is his first choice. But Nina has competition: a new dancer, Lily, who impresses Leroy as well. The two young dancers expand their rivalry into a twisted friendship, that threatens to destroy Nina.

This film explores the moment at which Facebook was invented — through the warring perspectives of the super-smart young men who each claimed to be there at its inception. The film moves from the halls of Harvard to the cubicles of Palo Alto to capture the heady early days of a culture-changing phenomenon in the making — and the way it both pulled a group of young revolutionaries together and then split them apart.

This inspirational docudrama explores the remarkable rise of Massachusetts-born, junior welterweight title winner "Irish" Micky Ward. A determined pugilist whose career in the ring was shepherded by his loyal half-brother, Dicky, a hard-living boxer-turned-trainer whose own career in the ring was nearly sent down for the count. Underdog Irish Micky rebounded from a disheartening series of defeats to win both the WBU Intercontinental Lightweight title and the WBU Light Welterweight title thanks to a fierce combination of determination and hard work.





## CAST YOUR VOTE

Each year members of the Academy vote to select the winners in each category. Here's your chance to vote for the Best Animated Feature Film. On the ballot paper, number your votes from your favourite to your least favourite. (12 points for your favourite, 1 for the least) If you have not seen the film, give it the lowest amount of points. Collate your group or class results and show the outcome on a bar graph.

NAME OF FILM (year)	POINTS
Shrek (2001)	
Monsters Inc. (2001)	
Ice Age (2002)	
Finding Nemo (2003)	
The Incredibles (2004)	
Happy Feet (2006)	
Cars (2006)	
Ratatouille (2007)	
WALL-E (2008)	
Up (2009)	
Toy Story 3 (2010)	
How to Train Your Dragon (2010)	



## INVITATION

Design and create an invitation to send to guests for the 84<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards®.

Some words which should appear on your invitation are:

- The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
- The Kodak Theatre, Hollywood
- 84<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards®
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012
- Black Tie

Consider the images you could include on the invitation and ensure that the who, what, when, where, why information is clearly shown.

