

1 1 Independent films

2 are those

3 that are made

4 outside of the normal Hollywood channels.

2 1 In the past,

2 directors and actors

3 were employed

4 by a Hollywood studio

5 and not allowed

6 to work for anyone else

7 without permission.

3 1 A few directors, stars and producers

2 worked independently

3 of Hollywood,

4 but it was very difficult

5 to stay independent of Hollywood

6 and still work.

4 1 Today,

2 there are many independent filmmakers.

5 1 A major reason is

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2 that the cost of making

3 a feature-length

4 and high production value film

5 has dropped.

6 1 Digital video has made

2 the filming and editing of "homemade" films

3 possible

4 for anyone

5 with a modern PC

6 and good

7 (but not necessarily state-of-the-art)

8 equipment.

7 1 If the digital video revolution had not occurred,

2 the number of independent films

3 would be much lower

4 than it is today.

8 1 There is another reason

2 for the increasing number

3 of independent movies:

4 low salaries for unknown actors.

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9 1 Mostly

2 because of high salaries

3 for stars,

4 Hollywood movies are very expensive

5 to make.

10 1 As a result,

2 the movie must appeal

3 to a large number of people

4 to be profitable.

11 1 On the other hand,

2 independent movies

3 can focus on an offbeat idea

4 and take more artistic risks

5 because it is not hard

6 to earn back

7 the small financial investment

8 that supported the movie.

12 1 As a result,

2 The Blair Witch Project

3 (cost: \$30,000)

4 can be shown

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5 in a theater

6 alongside *The Ring*

7 (cost: \$45,000,000).

13 1 In this situation,

2 independent filmmakers

3 are finally finding the freedom

4 to bring their visions

5 to film.

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