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## Top Music, VFX, International Films, Documentaries & Shorts to Discover

### Description

And they're off!

The official start of awards season has arrived with the announcement of the shortlists for the 97th Oscars across ten categories. Below, you can find the details released by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Fifteen films are in the running for International Feature Film, Documentary Feature, Original Song, and Music Score, as well as Documentary, Animated, and Live Action Shorts. Moreover, ten films advanced in the categories of Sound, Visual Effects, and Makeup & Hairstyling.

Leading the pack is *Emilia Pérez*, which garnered a remarkable six nominations, only missing from the Visual Effects shortlist—an unlikely prospect. This positions Jacques Audiard's film for a significant impact, with potential nominations for two Best Original Songs, uniquely featuring among the finalists.

Also having a strong showing is *Wicked*, which received four nominations—the maximum possible, given that none of its songs were original. It was recognized in Makeup & Hair, Score, Sound, and Visual Effects.

Universal and DreamWorks Animation are likely celebrating the recognition of their animated feature, *The Wild Robot*, which scored nominations for Score, Sound, and the song "Kiss the Sky," surpassing their competitor *Inside Out 2*—this year's highest-grossing film—which secured only a nod in Music Score.

Other noteworthy films that received multiple mentions include *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*, *Deadpool & Wolverine*, *Nosferatu*, *Blitz*, *Better Man*, *Twisters*, *Mufasa: The Lion King*, *Will & Harper*, and *Kneecap*, the Irish contender.

As expected, Diane Warren is once again in the mix, striving for her 17th nomination with "The Journey" from *The Six Triple Eight*, one of four songs making the cut for Netflix.

Interestingly, *Anora*, considered a frontrunner, received no mentions—perhaps highlighting the unpredictable nature of these categories. In contrast, the relatively obscure *Waltzing with Brando*, featuring Billy Zane as Marlon Brando, garnered a nod for Makeup & Hair, possibly qualifying unnoticed.

And here are the comprehensive 2025 Oscar shortlists:

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## Vocabulary List:



1. **Nominations** /ˌnɒmɪˈneɪʃənz/ (noun): The official suggestion or recommendation of someone for an award.
2. **Recognition** /ˌrɛkəgˈnɪʃən/ (noun): The acknowledgment or identification of something as being valid or noteworthy.
3. **Contender** /kənˈtendər/ (noun): A person or group competing for a position title or honor.
4. **Original** /əˈrɪdʒ.ɪ.nəl/ (adjective): Not derived from something else; fresh and unique.
5. **Impact** /ˈɪm.pækt/ (noun): The strong effect or influence that something has on a situation or person.
6. **Unlikely** /ʌnˈlaɪkli/ (adjective): Not likely to happen; improbable.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Which film garnered six nominations and was only missing from the Visual Effects shortlist?  
Option: Emilia Pérez  
Option: Wicked  
Option: Inside Out 2  
Option: The Wild Robot
2. How many nominations did "Wicked" receive?  
Option: Two  
Option: Three  
Option: Four  
Option: Five
3. Which film scored nominations for Score, Sound, and the song "Kiss the Sky"?  
Option: Inside Out 2  
Option: The Wild Robot  
Option: Emilia Pérez  
Option: Wicked
4. How many songs were nominated from "The Six Triple Eight"?  
Option: Two  
Option: Three  
Option: Four  
Option: Five



5. Which film featuring Billy Zane as Marlon Brando received a nod for Makeup & Hair?

- Option: Anora
- Option: Wicked
- Option: The Wild Robot
- Option: Waltzing with Brando

6. How many films received nominations across ten categories?

- Option: Ten
- Option: Fifteen
- Option: Twenty
- Option: Twenty-five

### True-False

- 7. The film "Wicked" received nominations for Best Original Song.
- 8. Universal and DreamWorks Animation did not have any films nominated in the eight categories.
- 9. Diane Warren is striving for her first nomination with "The Journey."
- 10. The film "Anora" was mentioned in the Oscars shortlists.
- 11. "Waltzing with Brando" features Billy Zane as Marlon Brando.
- 12. Only Netflix had songs nominated in the nominations.

### Gap-Fill

- 15. Diane Warren is striving for her \_\_\_\_\_ nomination with "The Journey."
- 16. The film "Anora" received \_\_\_\_\_ mentions in the Oscar shortlists.
- 17. "Waltzing with Brando" received a nod for Makeup & \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Emilia Pérez 2. Four 3. The Wild Robot 5. Waltzing with Brando 6. Fifteen

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 15. 17th 16. no 17. Hair



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the process of submitting someone for an award or recognition called?  
Option: Recognition  
Option: Contender  
Option: Nominations  
Option: Impact
2. Which word means highly significant and important?  
Option: Eager  
Option: Unlikely  
Option: Monumental  
Option: Acclaimed
3. What is the identification of a disease or condition by a doctor called?  
Option: Eagerly  
Option: Accomplishment  
Option: Diagnosis  
Option: Monumental
4. Which word describes something that is so strange it feels like a dream?  
Option: Acclaimed  
Option: Significant  
Option: Surreal  
Option: Contemplating
5. What is the firm belief in the reliability truth ability or strength of someone called?  
Option: Trust  
Option: Eager  
Option: Denial  
Option: Recognition
6. Which word means causing strong feelings of excitement and happiness?



- Option: Navigating
- Option: Spotlight
- Option: Exhilarating
- Option: Eagerly

7. Which word means publicly praised or celebrated?

- Option: Eagerly
- Option: Acclaimed
- Option: Clinching
- Option: Infidelity

8. What is the process of determining the nature of a disease or condition through evaluation called?

- Option: Oncologist
- Option: Diagnosis
- Option: Collaboration
- Option: Nominations

9. Which word means beloved or valued highly?

- Option: Eager
- Option: Cherished
- Option: Remarkable
- Option: Recognition

10. Which word means enthusiastic or keen to do something?

- Option: Eager
- Option: Clinical
- Option: Tumultuous
- Option: Acknowledged

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

- 11. Achieving \_\_\_\_\_ for your work can boost your self-esteem.
- 12. She emerged as a strong \_\_\_\_\_ in the competition.
- 13. The new policy had a significant \_\_\_\_\_ on the community.
- 14. The movie was widely \_\_\_\_\_ by critics for its brilliant performances.
- 15. The discovery of the new species was a \_\_\_\_\_ achievement in the field of biology.



16. Her outstanding presentation was key to \_\_\_\_\_ the deal.
17. The mayor \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd during the town hall meeting.
18. She was \_\_\_\_\_ when she found out about the betrayal.
19. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ her patient to quit smoking for better health.
20. The family \_\_\_\_\_ the time spent together during the holidays.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Despite the odds he managed to achieve success in his quest.
22. The couple sought therapy to address the issues of in their marriage.
23. The country went through a period of political unrest.
24. The successful project was a result of the excellent between the two teams.
25. His constant of the problem only made the situation worse.
26. She excelled in the complex system of regulations.
27. Her progress in such a short time was truly .
28. She sat quietly her next move.
29. She was to start her new job.
30. The new policy had a lasting on the community.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Nominations 2. Monumental 3. Diagnosis 4. Surreal 5. Trust 6. Exhilarating 7. Acclaimed 8. Diagnosis 9. Cherished 10. Eager

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Recognition 12. Contender 13. Impact 14. Acclaimed 15. Significant 16. Clinching 17. addressed 18. heartbroken 19. urged 20. Cherished

**Matching sentence:** 1. Unlikely 2. Infidelity 3. Tumultuous 4. Collaboration 5. Denial 6. Navigating 7. Remarkable 8. Contemplating 9. Eager 10. Impact



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