

## ACTIVITY 4

### ***Don't Look Up* Is a Primal Scream of a Film**

The director Adam McKay believes that his star-studded new Netflix movie is an apocalyptic comedy for our moment.

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## **LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

### **Exercise 1**



Listen to the first part of the audio “Don't Look Up Film Summary” (0:35”), Fill in the gaps in the following exercise

In *Don't Look Up*, a [1] ..... comet is spotted in space by an astronomy student, Kate Dibiasky (played by Jennifer Lawrence), and her professor, Randall Mindy (Leonardo DiCaprio). Their efforts to [2] ..... society are met with derision, [3] ..... , political cowardice, and, eventually, total [4] ..... . McKay's script has its knives out for the news's [5] ..... to tell hard truths, social media's endless [6] ..... belt of distractions, and a political class more [7] ..... on winning elections than pursuing real solutions.

Here the main topics dealt with in the film are mentioned. What are they?

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....

Listen to the rest of the audio now.

## Exercise 2

Say if the following statements are *True* or *False*

1. The ending of the film is real, not as the shocking changes presented during the film. ....
2. As soon as the two astronomers appeared on television, the audience believed in the threat of the giant asteroid barrelling toward Earth. ....
3. In the film some people denied that COVID exists. ....
4. The director included some exaggerated ideas because he thought that reality surpassed fiction. ....

### Exercise 3

## Vocabulary

- Complete the following collocations mentioned in the text

..... the idea                      straddling of .....

meet something with ..... and gloom

star-studded .....

- Relate the following words on the left with their synonym or antonym on the right

- a. cowardice ..... 1. hinder  
b. simpering ..... 2. servile  
c. sycophantic ..... 3. pounding  
d. bludgeoning ..... 4. grimacing  
e. stall on ..... 5. courage  
f. bluntly ..... 6. wordily