

INTENSIVE READING

1. Read this newspaper article about the history of movies. Pay attention to the phrases and verbs in bold.

The History of Movies



Movies **have fascinated** people for over a century. By the early 1900s, filmmakers **had already started** to experiment with moving pictures. Before that, people **had only watched** still photographs or **attended** live theater shows. Many inventors **had tried** to create devices that could capture movement before the first movies **were made**.

The first public movie screening **happened** in 1895. By that time, inventors **had developed** the technology **needed** to record and project moving images. Early films **were** short and silent, but they quickly **became** popular. Over the next few decades, filmmakers **had improved** their techniques, and by the 1920s, silent movies **had become** an important part of popular culture.

In 1927, the first "talkie" movie **was released**. This film **had synchronized** sound, which amazed audiences who **had only seen** silent movies before. Since then, movies **have continued** to develop with color, special effects, and digital technology.

Many actors and directors **had worked** hard to improve the quality of movies. By the 1950s, Hollywood **had become** the center of the film industry, producing many classic films. People **had enjoyed** going to the cinema regularly, but later, home television and streaming services **changed** how audiences **watched** movies.

Even though movies **have changed** a lot, they still tell stories that capture our emotions. Some films **have inspired** people or **changed** how they think about the world. The history of movies shows how creativity and technology **have combined** to create something that many people love.

2. According to the reading answer select Yes/No

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. Had filmmakers started working with moving pictures before the 1900s? | | |
| 2. Was the first public movie screening in 1895? | | |
| 3. Were early films silent and short? | | |
| 4. Did the first "talkie" movie come out in the 1920s? | | |
| 5. Had silent movies become important by the 1920s? | | |
| 6. Did movies develop color and special effects after 1927? | | |
| 7. Had many actors worked to improve movies before the 1950s? | | |
| 8. Did people stop going to the cinema after the 1950s? | | |
| 9. Has technology played a big role in movie history? | | |

3. Complete the chart with the simple past form or the past participle of the verbs found in the text.

| Simple Past Form | Past Participle |
|------------------|-----------------|
| was/were | |
| had | |
| tried | |
| became | |
| | told |
| | worked |
| changed | |
| enjoyed | |
| | amazed |
| improved | |
| | combined |
| inspired | |

4. Reading Comprehension Questions (Complete the sentences)

1. Before movies, people had only _____ or attended live theater shows.
2. The first public movie screening happened in the year _____.
3. Early films were _____ and silent.
4. The first "talkie" movie had _____ sound.
5. Hollywood became the center of the film industry by the _____.
6. Home television and streaming services _____ how people watch movies.
7. Movies tell stories that capture our _____.
8. Some films have inspired people or changed how they _____ about the world.
9. Technology and creativity have combined to create something people _____.
10. Many inventors had _____ to create devices for moving images before the first movies.