The History of Film

Read the text and write in the missing words.

(1) _____ American made the first film over one hundred and twenty years ago. He filmed a horse which (2) _____ running very fast. The early films were all about one minute long. They were black and white, of course, and there was (3)_____ sound. The films were often funny and showed things like people falling (4) _____ or running to catch a bus.

A hundred years ago, business people opened the (5)_____ cinemas. It was very cheap to watch a few films. Sometimes somebody (6) _____ a piano while people watched. Often these cinemas were very dirty and there were (7) _____ insects in the seats.

In the 1930s they started to make films with sound. It was very exciting for people to (8) _____ the actors speak for the first time. A few years later people made films (9) _____ color. This was also very exciting.

Today many of the new cinemas are very big and (10) _____ ten or fifteen films to watch on any evening. A lot of people also watch films on TV and many people buy DVDs so they can watch their favorite films (11)_____ home.

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