INTENSIVE READING

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

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?		

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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.

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