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Steven Spielberg Superstar!

Reading

1 Read the article about special effects

HOW DO THEY DO IT?

MONSTERS

★ IN THE MOVIES ★

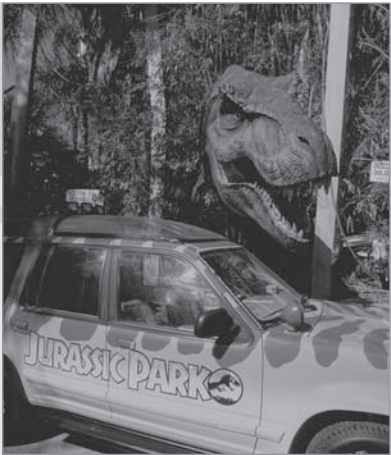
'STOP-MOTION'

The first man to bring dinosaurs to the big screen was Ray Harryhausen, in his 1956 film, *Animal World*. Ray brought his creatures to life by building models, then animating them using a technique called 'stop-motion'. First he photographed the dinosaur models, and then he changed their position a tiny bit. Then he took another picture, moved the model a bit more and took another. When he put all these photographs together they created the impression that the dinosaurs were moving.



DRESSING UP PEOPLE OR ANIMALS

Perhaps the simplest special effects of all were costumes. In many monster films in the 1960s and 1970s the special-effects people just used actors dressed as dinosaurs. Another way was to use real lizards and stick things on them to turn them into 'dinosaurs'. They then filmed them from very close to make them look huge.



COMPUTER-GENERATED IMAGES (CGI) AND DIGITAL FILM.

Steven Spielberg's film, *Jurassic Park*, created dinosaurs with the help of computers. The results were fantastic and very realistic. For the first time most cinema-goers could believe they were watching real dinosaurs.

The future of animation lies in digital film-making. With the help of this technique, film-makers can create huge crowds of monsters, like the Orcs in *Lord of the Rings*, that look absolutely real.

2 Answer the questions.

- 1 Who was the first man to bring dinosaurs to the big screen?
- 2 How did he do this?
- 3 What were the simplest effects of the 1960s and 1970s like?
- 4 How did they make lizards look like dinosaurs?
- 5 How were the dinosaurs in *Jurassic Park* made?
- 6 What can you do with the help of digital film?

Language Focus

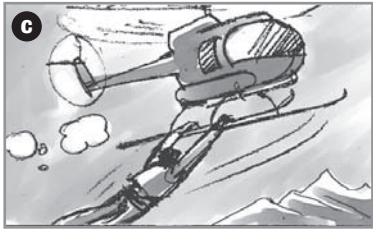
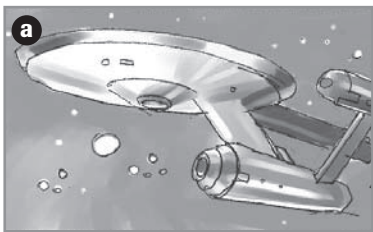
Vocabulary Types of film

1 Match the words with the pictures.

- ☐ western
- ☐ war film

- ☐ horror film
- ☐ animated cartoon

- ☐ adventure film
- ☐ science fiction film



Saying what kind of films you like and don't like

2 Complete the dialogues with the words below.

boring violent for kids scary funny

- 1 **A** Did you go and see the film last night?
B Yes, we did.
A How was it?
B We laughed a lot. It was really

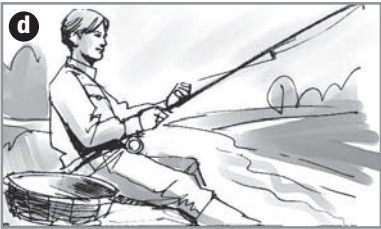
2 **A** Let's switch off the TV.
B Why?
A I hate these films.
So many people are killed!
- 3 **A** Have you seen *The Secrets of Pak Tong*?
B Only the beginning.
A Why's that?
B It was so, I fell asleep
- 4 **A** Can you come over to my place?
B Sorry, I'm watching *Finding Nemo* with my little brother.
A Come on, that's a film
B I know, but I like it.
- 5 **A** Did you watch TV last night?
B Yes, I did.
A Did you watch *The House on the Hill*?
B Yeah, I did.
A Did you like it?
B Yeah, but it was very
I was glad I wasn't alone at home.

Grammar

Present perfect + *already / just / yet*

1 Write the sentences under the pictures.

- 1 She's just bought a new dress.
- 2 She hasn't bought a new dress yet.
- 3 She's already chosen a dress for the party.
- 4 He hasn't caught any fish yet.
- 5 He's already caught some fish.
- 6 He's just caught a big fish



2 Write questions with *yet*.

- 1 he / do / his homework
Has he done his homework yet?
- 2 you / see / the new James Bond film
- 3 we / arrive / at Grandma's house
- 4 they / build / the new hospital
- 5 Harriet's dog / have / puppies
- 6 she / get / a new best friend

3 Read the email and complete it with the Present perfect of the verbs below.

unpack write start get notice do phone have put

Holiday in Italy

Hi Jane,
I ¹*have* just *got* back from a fantastic holiday in Italy. It's my first day at home, but
I ²..... already quite a lot of things: I ³.....
my bags, I ⁴..... more than 20 emails and I ⁵.....
all my friends too. ⁶..... you time to finish your project?
I ⁷..... not even my project yet! Sorry, I must finish writing now.
I ⁸..... just that I ⁹..... not my clothes in
the washing machine yet! They're really dirty and I haven't got anything to wear.

4 Write sentences.



1 he / lose / his car keys
He's lost his car keys.



4 we / not eat / all day
.....
.....



2 he / fall over
.....
.....



5 they / just score / a goal
.....
.....



3 they / have a baby
.....
.....



6 she / miss the bus
.....
.....

Present perfect vs. past simple

5 Match the questions with the answers.

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|---|--|
| 1 Have you ever been to Spain? - <i>d</i> | a Yes, she left the kitchen ten minutes ago. |
| 2 Has June finished the washing-up yet? | b No, he took it in May but he failed. |
| 3 Have they found their cat? | c Yes, they went to live in France. |
| 4 Has he passed his driving test? | d Yes, we went to Madrid last year. |
| 5 Have they moved house? | e Yes, it started about 15 minutes ago. |
| 6 Has the film started yet? | f Yes, it was up a tree. |

6 Complete with the words in brackets. Use the Present perfect or the Past simple.

- 1 My sister got married last Sunday. (get)
2 I my friend, Clare, recently. (not see)
3 The train from Belfast (already leave)
4 Sue's not very happy because she her sunglasses. (break)
5 They the cup final, two – nil. (lose)
6 I'm sorry, Robert's not in. He to the shops. (just go)
7 She her husband three years ago. (meet)
8 The flight from Dublin more than an hour ago. (arrive)

7 Complete the dialogue with the following phrases.

What did you	lots of special effects	my favourite actor
Who's the director	Have you seen	very scary movie

Tim Don't tell me any more! I want to see the film.

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8 Listen and repeat.

- 1 We saw War of the Dinosaurs. 3 We caught four more birds.
- 2 I bought a book called *The Story of the Horse*. 4 I bought it before I thought, of course.

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1 Listen to four interviews about video and computer games and answer the questions below.



1 Does Jonathan often play games?



3 What does Sharon think of the Middle-Earth games?



2 Why does Mr Sutton not like computer games?



4 Why does Mrs Frampton say 'No' to some games?

Reading

2 Read the text. Circle T (True) or F (False) for the sentences below.

From film to video game

When the first video games came out in the early 1980s, only young computer fanatics played them. Twenty years later, these games have become more and more popular. There are three reasons for that. Firstly, playing an electronic game has become very easy. Young people do not need any specific skills to use a games console, for example. Secondly, video games have become very attractive. Special effects and

computer-generated graphics have become so good that there is often no quality difference between films and video games. But the biggest reason is that many famous films have become video games. *Jurassic Park* is one example. The video game, *Jurassic Park: Warpath*, is based on the films *Jurassic Park* and *The Lost World*. The player can enter the game as one of twelve dangerous dinosaurs and attack humans and other creatures.

- 1 Video games have been around for more than 20 years. T / F
- 2 Today, many young people play video games. T / F
- 3 You cannot play modern video games without having special skills. T / F
- 4 The graphic quality of today's video games is extremely high. T / F
- 5 *Jurassic Park* was a video game before it became a famous film. T / F
- 6 So far, no films have been turned into video games. T / F

Writing for your Portfolio

3 Read about actor, Harrison Ford, and write a similar text about another film star.

Harrison Ford was born in Chicago on 13th July, 1942. Harrison was never a good student. He dropped out of college and took on some small parts in Hollywood films. He became a star when he appeared in the films *American Graffiti* and *Star Wars*. But his most famous part in a film was probably Indiana Jones in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.



Harrison Ford has acted in many popular films and has been one of Hollywood's superstars for many years. He gets between 20 and 25 million dollars for a film! Harrison was married to screenwriter Melinda Mathison for more than 20 years, but they divorced in 2004. He has four children, and spends a lot of time on his ranch in Wyoming.