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## READING JUMP 1

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**Warm-Up**

Discuss and answer the questions.

1. How will the world change in 20 years?
2. How will new machines change our lives?

# Science Fiction: Old Films, New Films

## Vocabulary Preview

Write each vocabulary word next to its meaning.

machine

future

type

travel

standard

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a non-living object that performs tasks
2. \_\_\_\_\_ an example of something; a sort of something
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the point in time that will occur after the present
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to go to visit
5. \_\_\_\_\_ levels of how good something is

## Science Fiction: Old Films, New Films

Science fiction is a special **type** of movie. These films are usually about subjects like **machines**, science, and the **future**. They are about new ideas. These new ideas may change our **standards** of living.

5 The first science fiction film, *The Trip to the Moon*, is over a hundred years old. It was made in 1902. It is in black and white and has no sound. In the film, scientists shoot themselves into the air. They **travel** to the moon, meet aliens, and return

10 home. In *The Trip to the Moon*, people used paint, wood, and metal to make the aliens, spaceships, and planets.

*Avatar* is a new science fiction film. It was made in 2009. *Avatar*

15 has color and sound. In *Avatar*, people used computers to draw the aliens, machines, and planets. New films are longer than old films. *Avatar* and other new

20 films are shown on special screens in 3D.



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<sup>12</sup> planet: a large, rocky ball that circles a star

# Comprehension Check

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the main topic of the passage?
  - a. The way science fiction films have changed
  - b. The movie *Avatar*
  - c. The year the first science fiction film was made
  - d. The length of science fiction films
  
2. What are science fiction films usually about?
  - a. Aliens, machines, and planets
  - b. Wood, metal, and paint
  - c. Machines, science, and the future
  - d. Spaceships and the moon
  
3. How old is the movie *The Trip to the Moon*?
  - a. Over 100 years old
  - b. Less than 100 years old
  - c. 100 years old
  - d. The passage doesn't say.
  
4. What is TRUE of old science fiction movies?
  - a. They were very long.
  - b. They were black and white.
  - c. They were loud.
  - d. They were shown on special screens.
  
5. Which is NOT a feature of new science fiction movies?
  - a. Can be seen in 3D
  - b. Made with computers
  - c. Made in color
  - d. Has no sound

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from below.

black      films      color      sound      computers

Old science fiction ❶ \_\_\_\_\_ are different from new films. Old films were in ❷ \_\_\_\_\_ and white. New films are in ❸ \_\_\_\_\_. Also, old films had no ❹ \_\_\_\_\_ and made monsters with wood, paint, and metal. New films have sound and make monsters with ❺ \_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing

Answer these questions.

1. When was the first science fiction film made?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What are science fiction films about?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How were the spaceships made in *The Trip to the Moon*?

\_\_\_\_\_