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Movie Directors

Warm-Up

Discuss and answer the questions.

1. Do you like seeing movies in movie theaters or at home?
2. What was the last movie you saw in a theater?



Vocabulary Preview

Write each vocabulary word next to its meaning.

decide pace leading expectation technique establish

1. _____ a skillful way of doing something
2. _____ the speed at which something happens
3. _____ coming first
4. _____ to create
5. _____ to make a choice
6. _____ a strong feeling that something is about to happen

Movie Directors

What do you remember most when you see a movie? Perhaps you remember the actress who played the **leading** role. Perhaps it is the special effects. Filmmaking is a cooperative process. Many people make decisions. The most important person is the director.

5 A film director has many jobs. He **decides** how the film will look. Will it be dark or filled with bright colors? He controls the **pace** of the story. He helps the actors become their characters. Most importantly, he makes sure that all the ideas come together
10 to make a great movie.

Some directors have a style that can be seen in all of their movies. Steven Spielberg is famous for the cross between comedy and action. This is seen in movies like *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Alfred Hitchcock created
15 exciting **expectations** by cutting back and forth between images.

Some directors add to the film industry and entertainment as a whole. James Cameron, the director
20 of *Titanic* and *Avatar*, **established** new film **techniques**. They are now used by everyone. He made 3D popular again.



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³ cooperative: willing to work with others

Comprehension Check

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - a. An actress is often the most memorable.
 - b. Movies are cooperative processes.
 - c. Movie directors are important.
 - d. Movies are the most exciting type of entertainment.

2. What does a movie director NOT do?
 - a. Bring ideas together
 - b. Make movie tickets
 - c. Control the speed of the story
 - d. Help the actors become their characters

3. Who crossed action and comedy?
 - a. Alfred Hitchcock
 - b. Steven Spielberg
 - c. James Cameron
 - d. No one, yet

4. What is TRUE of some movie directors?
 - a. They are not very good.
 - b. They don't like movies.
 - c. They are also actors.
 - d. They have a special style.

5. What did James Cameron make popular again?
 - a. Science fiction
 - b. Comedy
 - c. Action
 - d. 3D

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from below.

examples ideas decisions style controls

Many people make ❶ _____ when a film is made. The director is the most important person. He ❷ _____ the pace of the story. He makes sure ❸ _____ come together to make a great movie. Some directors have their own special ❹ _____. Steven Spielberg and Alfred Hitchcock are ❺ _____ of these. Other directors, like James Cameron, establish new techniques.

Writing

Answer these questions.

1. How does a director affect the story?

2. What is a director's most important role?

3. What do Steven Spielberg and Alfred Hitchcock have in common?
