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READING JUMP 3

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Warm-Up

Discuss and answer the questions.

1. What is your favorite old toy? Why?
2. What toy would you like to see in a movie?

Retro Toys in Movies

Vocabulary Preview

Write each vocabulary word or phrase next to its meaning.

retro plot design special effect release recent jealous

1. _____ not far in the past; close to today
2. _____ a scene in a movie made with technology
3. _____ to draw or plan and then create
4. _____ modeled on something from the past
5. _____ to offer to the public to see or to buy
6. _____ a feeling of resentment toward another
7. _____ the controlling idea or event in a story

Retro Toys in Movies

Retro toys are popular toys from the past that are enjoyed by generation after generation. In **recent** years, some of them have even been featured in films. Three retro toys that are featured in modern movies are Transformers, Mr. Potato Head, and G.I. Joe.

5 Transformers are toys that change from cars into robots by moving individual pieces. Although they were first **designed** in Japan, an American company bought and **released** them in 1984. Movies featuring Transformers were made in 2007 and 2009. Both action-packed movies used real people and **special** **effects**.

10 Mr. Potato Head was invented by George Lerner in 1952. Plastic body parts were pushed into a real potato. In 1960, Mr. Potato Head received a plastic body. Today, he is featured as a **jealous** and funny character in all three computer-animated **Toy Story** movies made by Disney/Pixar.

15 In 1963, Hasbro developed G.I. Joe. The soldier dolls made for boys were a huge success. However, the Vietnam War ruined their popularity. In the 1980s, they became popular again. In 2009, *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra* was released. The G.I. Joe dolls were represented by real people. The movie was successful, but critics thought the **plot** was weak.



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Comprehension Check

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - a. Old toys have been featured in movies.
 - b. Featuring toys in movies helps sell more toys.
 - c. Popular toys are often seen in old movies.
 - d. There are problems with featuring toys in movies.

2. Which of the following have NOT appeared in recent movies?
 - a. Transformers
 - b. Mr. Potato Head
 - c. Mr. Duck
 - d. G. I. Joe

3. Which movie featured Mr. Potato Head?
 - a. *Toy Story*
 - b. *Mulan*
 - c. *Peter Pan*
 - d. *Toy Adventures*

4. When was the first Transformers movie made?
 - a. 1984
 - b. 1960
 - c. 2007
 - d. 2009

5. What did Critics say about *G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra*?
 - a. It was amazing.
 - b. It was the best film of the year.
 - c. The special effects were cool.
 - d. The plot was weak.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from below.

generation Retro appeared featured plastic popularity

① _____ toys are toys from the past that are enjoyed by generation after ② _____. Recently, some of them have even been ③ _____ in movies. Transformers, Mr. Potato Head, and G.I. Joe are three such toys. Transformers ④ _____ in two action movies in 2007 and 2009. Mr. Potato Head was invented in 1952. Originally, his body was a real potato. In 1960, he received a ⑤ _____ body. He is now a character in the popular *Toy Story* movies made by Disney/Pixar. G.I. Joe is a soldier doll. His ⑥ _____ dropped during the Vietnam War.

Writing

Answer these questions.

1. What are retro toys?

2. In which country were Transformers first created?

3. What ruined the popularity of G.I. Joe dolls?
