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UNIT 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-l	iving objec	t that perforn	ns tasks
2.	·	an exar	nple of som	nething; a sor	t of something
3.	·	the poi	nt in time t	hat will occui	after the present
4.	·	to go to	visit		
5.	·	levels o	f how good	l something is	S

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.

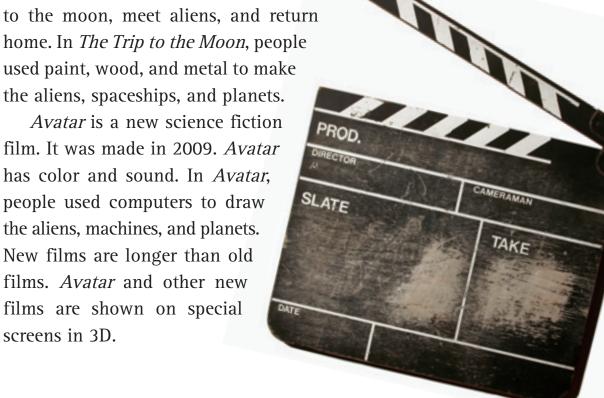
The first science fiction film, *The Trip to the Moon*, is over a hundred years old. It was made in 1902. It is in black and white and has no sound. In the film, scientists

shoot themselves into the air. They travel

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

- 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
- films are shown on special screens in 3D.



TIME LIMIT 01:00 READING TIME _____ minutes _____ seconds 151 words

¹² 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 fi	ction o		are differe	ent from new films.
Old films wer	re in 2		and white	e. New films are in
3	Also	o, old films l	nad no 4	and
made monste	ers with woo	d, paint, an	d metal. New	films have sound
and make mo	onsters with	5		

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?*