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MAKING MOVIES



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Movie Magic

The lights are dim. The theater grows quiet. The audience can't wait for the opening scene. If you have ever walked out of a movie theater laughing, crying, or feeling excited, you have experienced movie magic. A film may only run for 90 minutes. But it can take years to make. So grab a bag of popcorn and take a seat. It's time to find out how movie magic is made.



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- Why do people enjoy movies?
- How are movies made?
- Would you like to make movies?

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What's the Ticket?

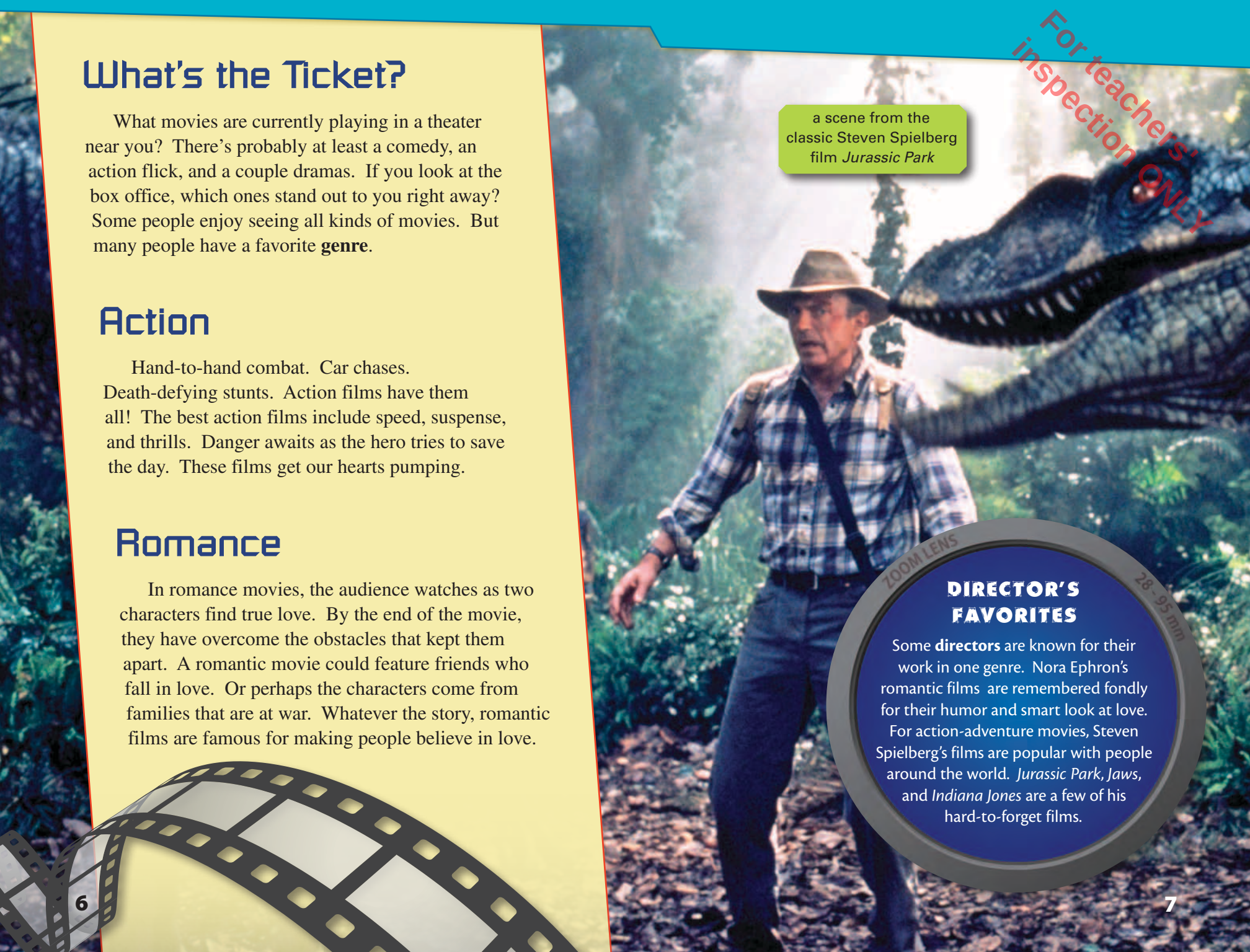
What movies are currently playing in a theater near you? There's probably at least a comedy, an action flick, and a couple dramas. If you look at the box office, which ones stand out to you right away? Some people enjoy seeing all kinds of movies. But many people have a favorite **genre**.

Action

Hand-to-hand combat. Car chases. Death-defying stunts. Action films have them all! The best action films include speed, suspense, and thrills. Danger awaits as the hero tries to save the day. These films get our hearts pumping.

Romance

In romance movies, the audience watches as two characters find true love. By the end of the movie, they have overcome the obstacles that kept them apart. A romantic movie could feature friends who fall in love. Or perhaps the characters come from families that are at war. Whatever the story, romantic films are famous for making people believe in love.



a scene from the classic Steven Spielberg film *Jurassic Park*

DIRECTOR'S FAVORITES

Some **directors** are known for their work in one genre. Nora Ephron's romantic films are remembered fondly for their humor and smart look at love. For action-adventure movies, Steven Spielberg's films are popular with people around the world. *Jurassic Park*, *Jaws*, and *Indiana Jones* are a few of his hard-to-forget films.

Comedy

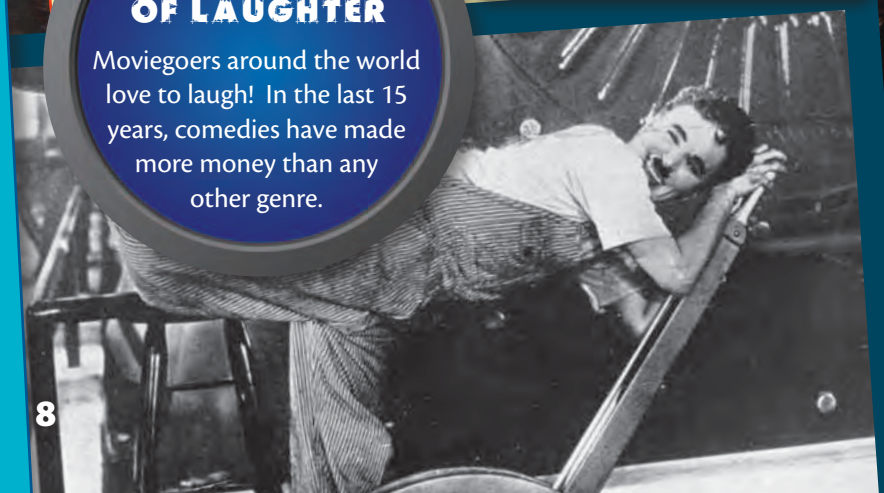
Comedy movies make us laugh out loud. Some use physical jokes. Others feature gross-out humor with lines that make you think, *I can't believe he just said that!* Comedy films stretch back to the silent-movie era and were some of the first films ever made.

Documentary

Many movies are about real events. **Documentaries** try to tell the truth about what happened. They often teach the viewer about a specific topic. They can cover everything from bacteria to galaxies. They may include a **voice-over**. Many documentaries include interviews with people talking about an event and telling their side of the story.

The Love of Laughter

Moviegoers around the world love to laugh! In the last 15 years, comedies have made more money than any other genre.



Charlie Chaplin was an early Hollywood star, famous for his ability to make people laugh.

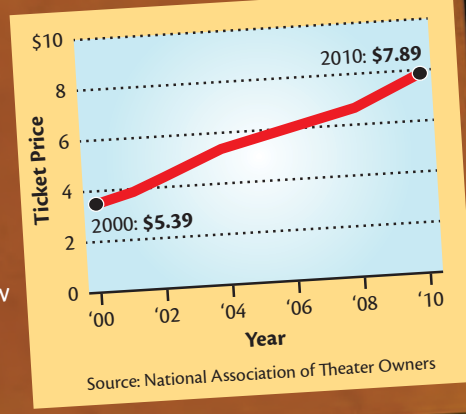


filming the documentary *Deep Sea 3-D*

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How Much Are You Willing to Pay?

In 2010, the average cost of a movie ticket was $7.89. The average cost of a ticket has gone up $2.50 in the last decade. How much do you think tickets will cost 10 years from now?



Source: National Association of Theater Owners