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Intermediate

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Readers

# Lights, Camera, Action!

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# Watching Movies

Where do you watch movies? Do you watch at the theater or at home? Many people go to theaters to watch movies. The sound is much better there. The screen is much larger. Others like to watch movies in the comfort of their home. They do not have to line up for tickets. They can lie on their sofa and watch.

Watching movies is something enjoyable. It is a great way to relax. It is a fun way to pass the time.



Watching movies can be exciting and fun!



There are different types of movies. Some are funny, and others are packed with action. There are also horror, romance, and many other kinds of movies!



To make a movie, it takes a long time and a lot of people.

How are movies made? Movies last only one to three hours. But making a movie can take months or even years. There are many steps to follow when making a movie.

# Writing a Movie

Have you ever written a story for school? This is the first step in making a movie. A movie is based on a story called a **script**. Some scripts are taken from books. These books are often already popular. The movies based on the best-selling Harry Potter books by JK Rowling are a good example.

Many books and comics are turned into movies!



A person who writes a movie script is called a **screenwriter**. Screenwriters decide what kind of movie they want to write. They write **screenplays**. This is not the same as writing a book. Screenplays not only have a story, but they also tell about each movie scene.





We have all read books with pictures in them. Screenwriters must write and draw pictures. Like words, their pictures show what the scenes will look like in the movie.