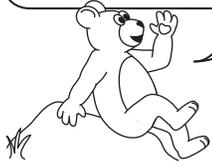It takes a lot of people...

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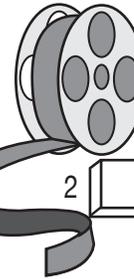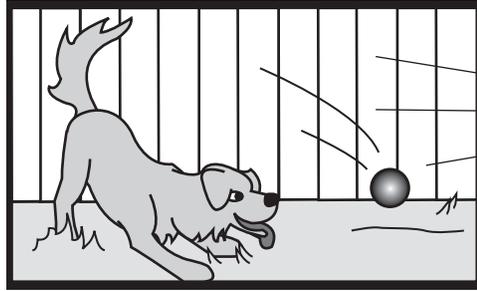Kids: color stuff in!
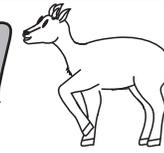
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soundtrack
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lighting
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producer
carpenter
composer
director
storyboard
actor
computer
take
costume
cranes
artist
assistant

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1. used to highlight areas of the scene, and create a mood
2. used to capture sound of actors and effects
3. person who chooses camera lenses and angles for shots
4. all music and sound effects used in a film
5. make-up _____ works on actors' faces
6. _____ designer chooses actors' clothing
7. writes the scripts - dialogue and movements
8. used to film scenes from very high in the air
9. raises funds, hires staff, makes things run smoothly
10. combination of a script and shooting directions
11. production _____ runs all sorts of errands for directors
12. single recorded try at a scene; done on "first _____"
13. metal rigs that hold a camera above the actors

14. used to make special effects and 3-D animated movies
15. row of drawings to show how the movie will flow
16. person who has complete control of filming
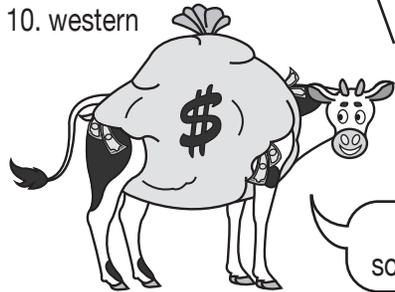17. shot taken a short distance from the actor's face

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19. writes the music for the soundtrack of a film
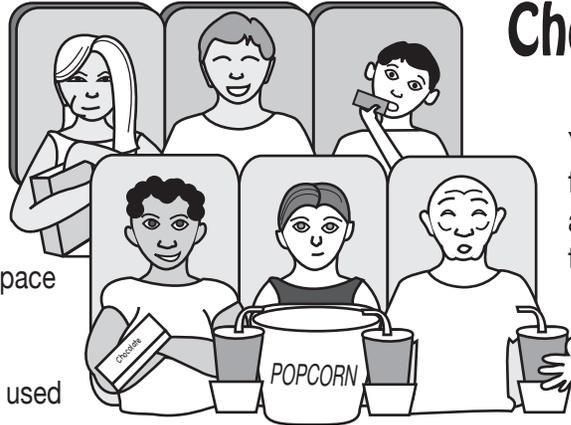20. person responsible for building the set

What Kind of Movie?

There are many kinds of movies! Do you like spooky or funny ones? **Match each kind of movie below to what it is or does:**

1. action
2. drama
3. comedy
4. scary
5. musicals or dance
6. science fiction
7. documentary
8. animated
9. fantasy
10. western

a. meant to spook you
b. uses song and movement
c. usually set in the future or space
d. set in the American frontier, often featuring cowboys
e. about something real, often used to teach about a topic
f. wizards, dragons and elves, filled with magic and swords
g. hand- or computer-drawn characters
h. fast paced: fight scenes, explosions and chases
i. with lots of jokes to make us laugh!
j. serious; strong characters and story

What do you think it means when someone calls a movie a "cash cow?"

Check Out These Movies

These movies are based on good books. You can read the book with your friends or family and then watch the movie. When you are done, talk about the differences between the book and the way the movie was made.

Match each movie to its description:

Check Out These Movies

1. *The Little Prince*
2. *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*
3. *Charlotte's Web*
4. *The BFG*
5. *The Jungle Book*
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Movie Treats

When you go to the movies someone sells you a ticket, and then someone asks if you'd like to buy a treat. **Follow the color code to see a favorite movie treat:**

R = Red
Y = Yellow

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7. documentary - e
8. animated - g
9. fantasy - f
10. western - d

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Movie Treats

A favorite movie treat:

POPCORN

Crossword (answers)

5. ARTIST
2. MICROPHONES
8. HELICOPTERS
6. COSTUME
9. PRODUCER
13. CRANES
12. TAKE
15. STORYBOARD
20. CARPENTER
18. ACTOR
19. COMPOSER

Down:
1. LIGHTING
3. CINEMATINEMATRS (CINEMATOGRAPHER)
4. SOUNDTRACK
7. SCREENWRITER
10. SCREENPLAY
11. ASSISTANT
14. COMPUTER
16. DIRECTOR
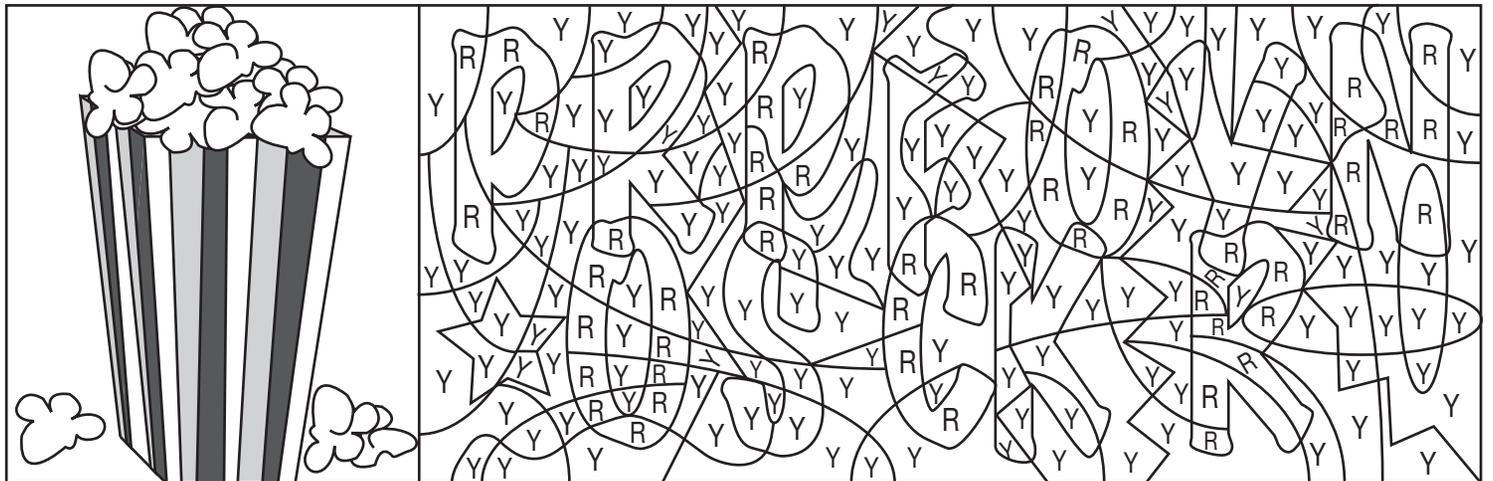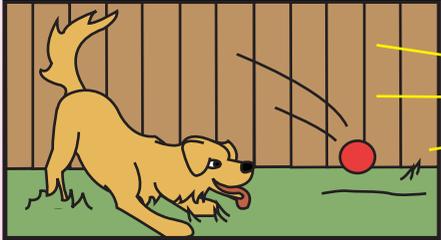17. CLOSEUP

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film
take
lines
actor
script
scene
horror
action
studio
drama
theater
sequel
remake
fantasy
camera
director
musical
western
comedy

helicopters
soundtrack
screenwriter
independent
documentary
microphones
science fiction
cinematographer
costume
dialogue
popcorn
close-up
lighting
producer
make-up
computer
animated
composer
screenplay
storyboard

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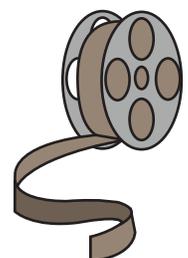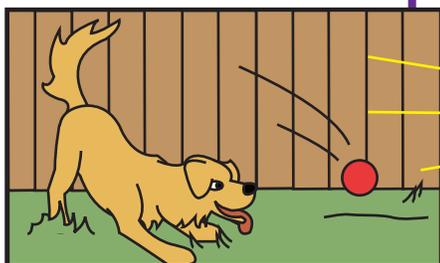
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theater	close-up
sequel	lighting
remake	producer
fantasy	make-up
camera	computer
director	animated
musical	composer
western	screenplay
comedy	storyboard

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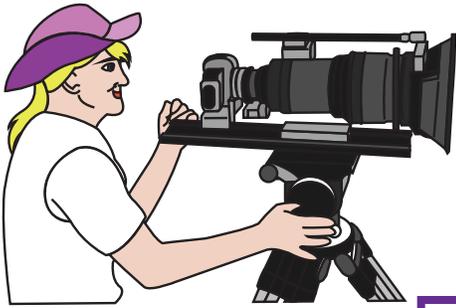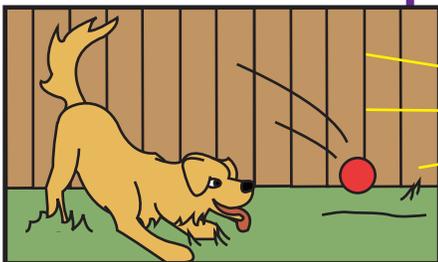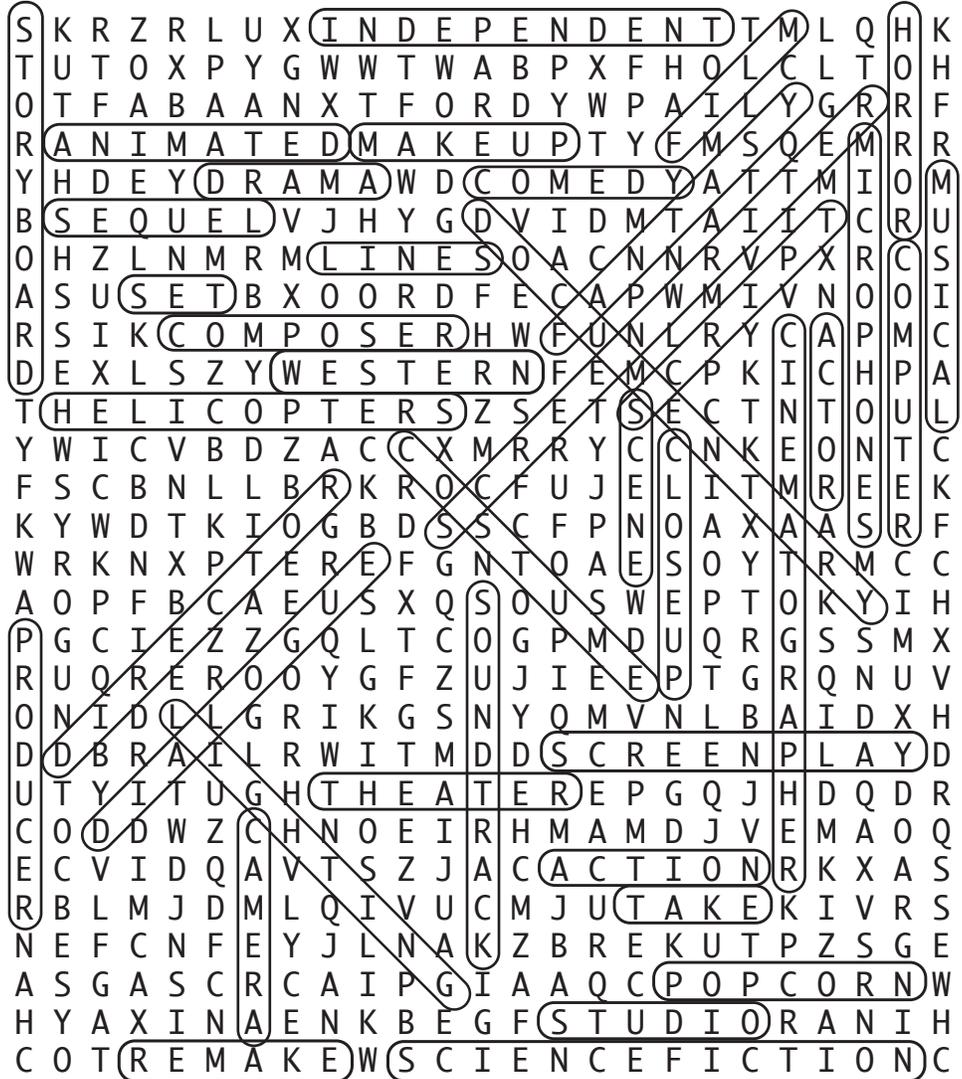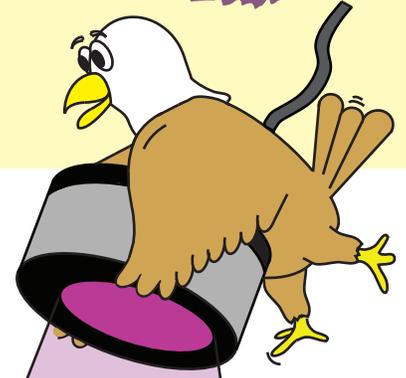
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Six Steps to Get Your Family's Summer Movie-Making Adventure Rolling!

This summer, families are looking for fun things to do right at home: spattering paint for art projects, scouring recipe books for creative treats, and even trying out eccentric popcorn toppings to enliven family movie time.

Everyone loves to *watch* a good movie. But, parents this summer can help their kids *make* a movie of their own – one they'll be proud to share. Most families have access to smartphones, tablets and digital cameras that capture high-quality video, and today's digital editing tools are both powerful and easy to use. Making a short movie can be a great project for families to work on together. There's a lot to consider when envisioning and creating a movie. These six steps will help you get rolling (spend as much time in each step as you choose):

1. **Decide on your story:** First think about a general theme, such as fantasy, dinosaurs, sports, comedy or mystery. Then write down the answers to these questions: What will happen in your story? What problem must be solved? How will that happen? What will happen at the end of your movie?

2. **Create your characters** – This great fun, especially for those who like to work with their hands and get creative. Kids can:
   - Create paper figures and attach arms and legs that move.
   - Fashion clay models or papier-mâché figures or toys.
   - Play the characters themselves, dressed in costumes or paper masks.
   - Cast the movie with plastic toys: farm or jungle animals, dinosaurs or superhero figures (these might have ready-made "sets" if you have play mats with printed roads, buildings, farms or other scenes).

3. **Write and rehearse a script** – Ask yourself: Who is telling the story? How do the characters interact in each scene? How do they express themselves? Write some dialogue for the characters and practice each scene (capturing "bloopers" is the most fun of all).

4. **Consider lighting, music and sound effects** – Is it a dark and dreary day? You could pre-record a scream or a growl (or have fun doing this on cue). If children play instruments, work their music into the story, such as tapping a drum slowly to mimic a heartbeat, or playing a violin ever more rapidly to add excitement.

5. **Shooting and editing the movie** – Use digital devices or cameras to capture the video. Edit the shots, and add music and sound effects, using a free or low-cost video-editing program. Here are a few highly rated editing apps to try out:
   - *Apple iMovie* – for their mobile devices and desktop computers – free.
   - *Boinx iStopmotion* – for stop-motion style movies; Apple only – modestly priced.

- *Microsoft Windows Movie Maker* – for Windows computers only – free.
- *Openshot* – For Windows, Apple and Linux platforms – free.
- WonderShare FilmoraGo – Free for mobile devices; but Windows and Apple desktop versions require purchase.

6. **Screen or Share the movie** – How will you show the movie? Perhaps start with a private screening for the junior movie makers? Then, make popcorn and have a family premiere? Or share it with grandparents, friends, teachers and others via computer? After all, a movie must be shown to an audience to tell its story!

Is your family ready to create its first movie? As you can tell, you are only limited by your imagination! *Lights, Camera, Action!*

To get you started in making a family movie, we've created simple free tools: storyboard and script templates, movie-making terms and prompts for movie ideas, details on the editing software mentioned above – plus movie-making themed puzzles. For extra summer fun, we still have a free digital comic book by Matt Ryan. Visit https://www.readingclubfun.com for these free resources.

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10 Prompts For Movie-Making Ideas!

Here are 10 prompts to get you started on your movie-making adventure. You can use one of these ideas to help create your story or totally make up your own fun story.

1. Amari and Blake are spending time at the beach. They've spent a lot of time building a beautiful sandcastle, but they've just noticed the tide is approaching fast! What do they say and do?

2. The walking dead (zombies) have crashed the school dance! Lucky for you, they've only come to party.

3. Your little brother made a deal with a fairy to grow taller. But now he's waaay too tall – over ten feet!

4. Skyler and Jessie are camping in the woods. While making some delicious smore's, they hear spooky hooting and then loud crashing and sticks snapping in the dark woods. And whatever it is, it's getting closer!

5. Marley and Leslie have been waiting for the ice cream truck for what feels like forever! They each share the frozen treat that they would create if they had an ice cream truck of their own.

6. There's a monster in your closet! It won't leave you alone until you give it a huge ice cream cone, but there's no ice cream left in the refrigerator. You've got a big test tomorrow and need to get some sleep!

7. You and your best friend woke up with some crazy super powers, but if your parents find out they'll make you use them to help with chores around the house.

8. A dragon flaps into the wizard's castle to alert him that a powerful, destructive storm is on its way and its whipping winds and giant hail will wipe out the village below.

9. The sharks are up to their old, mean tricks. They are throwing take-out boxes and plastic bags all over the shoreline. What can the squid and his friends do to stop this?

10. The superhero twins can control water and fire. How will they help the city when an earthquake shakes and crumbles the dam located up the river, threatening to flood all the streets and buildings, and the electrical power grid explodes and starts on fire?

We'd like to be in a movie!
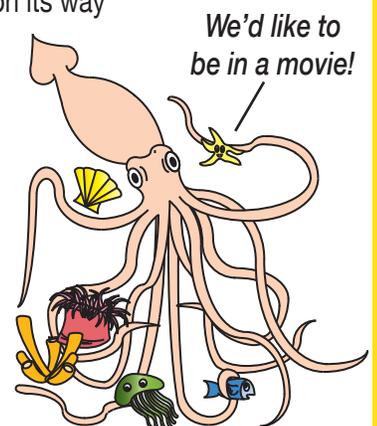
Storyboard

Scene # _____

Use this template to arrange the flow of one part of your movie. In each rectangle, draw a simple picture of the action that will take place in a single **Shot** (an unbroken section of video). Then, for each Shot, imagine and write down the **Sound** that will bring it to life (birds singing, a lawn mower, a clap of thunder, voices of children). This storyboard should be used along with your Screenplay to guide your filming.

Kids draw stuff in!

Shot:

Sound:
_____
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Screenplay

Use this template to write down what the actors will say and do in one scene of the movie. Use several of these templates for longer movies.

Scene # _____

Setting (where and when):

What happens in this scene:

Action taking place:	Dialogue – what characters say:
	Character: _____
	Character: _____
	Character: _____
	Character: _____
	Character: _____
	Character: _____
	Character: _____

Movie-Making Terms

Confused about the words people use to talk about movie-making? Here's some help!

Movie: Telling a story with "moving" images and sound; can last minutes or hours.

Plot: What happens in the movie – so people understand and "feel" the story you're telling.

Setting: Time and place of the movie or certain scene (such as "nighttime in the kitchen). This could be a real place, such as in your home or yard, or a place that you make by using a painted backdrop, or activity mats that show streets and other scenes.

Screenplay: A written story that describes settings, scenes, sounds, and what people say. Also called a script. Create this before you even take out your video camera.

Storyboard: A series of sketches that helps to organize the flow of scenes in your movie. Each drawn picture shows what will happen in an individual **Shot**, and includes a little bit of information about the **Sound** (noise, voices) that will be part of that shot.

Character: The person (or animal or cartoon figure) who is part of the action. You should think about how they speak and behave, the **Costume** they wear and other details.

Costume: The clothing, hair style and other touches that "say" something about the character, such as: a tee-shirt with a football team logo says "sports fan" or "athlete" perhaps.

Props: Items that are used by a character or simply appear in a **Shot.** This could be the guitar a character is strumming, and the poster in the background (clearly a future star!).

Sound: Anything "heard" in a movie, such as **Characters** or others speaking, music or noises.

Shot: One unbroken section of video; shots get strung together in the **Editing** process to create scenes (which themselves are combined into movies). Shots might be: close-ups of a character's face; two characters riding their bikes down a path; a wind-blown tree; or a sweeping image of a grassy field; basically anything!

Scene: Action in a **Setting** that tells part of a story (like a mini movie); made up of several different shots.

Editing: Putting **Shots** in a certain order to create a scene and entire movie; also, adding in **Sound** (music, sound effects, voices that are heard but are not onscreen).

Screening: Sharing your movie with others either on a screen at home or over the internet (such as sending it to grandparents to watch, or posting it on social media).

Movie-Editing Tools

There are many great movie-editing programs. Here are a few of the best (mostly free).

iMovie – by Apple

Free both for Apple's mobile devices and desktop computers.

Mobile version:
• Pulls from video and photos already saved on the iPhone or iPad. No importing or uploading needed.
• Very simple look. Not a lot of buttons and toggles to overwhelm you.
• Has simple filters, backgrounds and foregrounds. Also, there are some preloaded short audio themes.

Desktop version:
• Desktop version is much more complicated for new users, but also more powerful.
• Requires uploading of video and audio files from a device (such as a phone or camera).
• Uses format similar to professional-grade tools.

iStopmotion – by Boinx

Designed specifically for stop-motion style films; Apple only.

• Versions for Apple computer ($19.99) or iPad ($9.99).
• Allows user to take frame by frame shots to craft their film.
• Can remove individual frames if something goes wrong.
• Easy to use, but requires that camera remain very still (may need a remote-control tool).
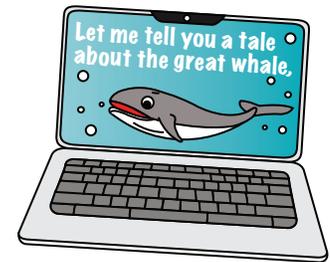
Windows Movie Maker – by Microsoft

Free editing software exclusively for Windows computers.

• A great tool for Windows users, excellent features.
• Videos must be uploaded to the computer from a camera or phone.
• Not updated recently, so works better on Windows 7 or 8.
• It's tricky to get it working on Windows 10, which alone might make this less of a fit for beginners.

Openshot

Free editing software for Windows, Apple and Linux platforms.

• Large, colorful buttons make it easy to identify which tools do what.
• Must upload video files from camera or phone.
• Only 5 tracks, so has limited use for bigger projects.
• Intuitive drag-and-drop features.
• Simple templates for transitions, perhaps easiest of all these options.

FilmoraGo – by WonderShare

Free for mobile devices, but Windows and Apple desktop versions require purchase or subscription.

• Likely the smoothest mobile tool for creation and social sharing of films – video sharing takes one click
• Can make fast voiceovers.
• Simple-to-understand buttons and tooltips reduce confusion.
• The mobile tool makes it easy to add captions and titles.