



Change came knocking loudly on Hollywood's door with the introduction of sound. In 1925, the movie studio Warner Brothers joined forces with Western Electric to bring sound to the movies. New films with people talking in them soon got the name "talkies." A machine called the Vitaphone recorded sound, like actors' dialogue, onto a wax disc. The disc was then played in time with the moving picture to give the movie sound!



In 1927, *The Jazz Singer* was released and cinema changed forever. The first movie with spoken words, *The Jazz Singer* was such a smash hit that movie studios leaped to make talkies. Warner Brothers made millions of dollars and got its place as one of Hollywood's top studios—which it still is today.

Not everyone was happy with the change, however. Actors and actresses who only had to act with their facial expressions and body language suddenly had to memorize lines and practice speaking clearly. Filmmakers had to adjust to a new way of shooting, like not being able to tell actors what to do while the film was rolling.



Norma Talmadge was a silent film sensation who everyone loved. But in 1929, she started starring in talkies and moviegoers could not believe that such a glamorous movie starlet had a Brooklyn accent. She tried to change the way she spoke but it did little good. Not long after, though she was still very young, Norma retired from acting.



WORD SEARCH

Circle each word from the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards, and diagonally.

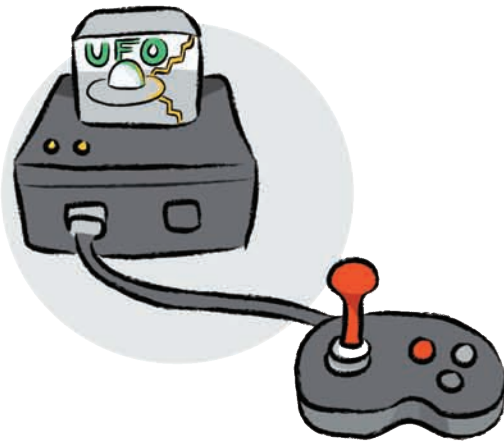
Warner Brothers	:	dialogue	:	recording	:	talkie
Western Electric	:	glamorous	:	wax disc	:	microphone
Vitaphone	:	starlet	:	Jazz Singer	:	studio

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Take a look at this hilarious clip from the movie *Singin' in the Rain*. Think of some other problems actors and filmmakers may have encountered during the transition to talkies and write them down.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTFCctdiS04



Just as silent movies have been replaced by talkies, the items on this checklist have all been replaced by newer technologies. Do you know what each of the things listed are? Take this page with you to explore around your house and check off the objects you can find. Maybe you'll discover a few things we forgot to include!

- Videotape
- VHS player
- Cassette tape
- Floppy disc
- PDA or flip phone
- Video game cartridge
- Vinyl record
- Record player



- Pager
- Walkman
- Typewriter
- "Rabbit ears" TV antenna
- Answering machine
- Boombox
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