

Inside Reading Level 4
Unit 3 Skill Review: Pivot Words

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The Review Skill in Unit 3 asks you to find places where the writer “pivots” back to the drawbacks of movie gimmicks in Reading 1.

Let’s take a closer look at how pivot words are used in the Reading. Match each sentence starter with the correct ending.

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| 1. In practice, most of Castle’s gimmicks were only marginally successful and often got more giggles than screams, ____ | A. but proved to be genuine advances that are now essential components of most big budget movies. |
| 2. Many of these special effects (FX) started out as “gimmicks,” ____ | B. however, the process was not free from technical glitches (patrons complained of eyestrain), and eventually the novelty wore off. |
| 3. The moviegoer had to wear special glasses that eliminated the image that the other eye was seeing. This technique was successful enough that from 1953 to 1955 studios released dozens of 3-D movies; ____ | C. but his movies were entertaining and made money. |

Now let’s take a closer look at the main idea of the sentences.

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Answer Key

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