

Reading

1. Read the article. Have you ever visited a movie studio or a theme park?

Universal Studios Tours

One of the biggest tourist attractions in southern California today is Universal Studios. From the beginning, Universal Studios had allowed tourists to visit and look around. However, the studios had existed for almost 50 years before guided tours began in 1961. These tours used buses to take visitors around the property. Visitors could get off the bus and eat in the studio cafeteria. This was very exciting for tourists because they might get to see a movie star having lunch. By 1966, Universal Studios had expanded the tours to include some sets from past movies. Visitors could take pictures of themselves on these sets.

In 1976 Universal Studios added its first movie-based ride, *The Jaws Experience*. Before *Jaws*, no one had ever seen a ride based on a movie. Later, Universal added more movie-based rides. One of the most popular is the *King Kong* ride. Here visitors watch as a giant ape tears apart New York City. The Hollywood tours were so popular that in 1990 Universal Studios Florida opened in Orlando. The choice of cities is probably not accidental. Orlando was already home to another gigantic theme park, Disney World.

2. Read the statements. Then write *T* if the statement is true, or *F* if it is false.

- F 1. In the beginning, Universal Studios didn't allow visitors.
- 2. Guided tours began in 1961.
- 3. Visitors could eat at the studio cafeteria.
- 4. Visitors always got to meet movie stars.
- 5. The *Jaws* ride opened in 1976.
- 6. Disney World opened in 1990.
- 7. You can see past movie sets at Universal Studios.
- 8. The popular *King Kong* ride is in Disney World.

