



MULTIPLE CHOICE CLOZE

Read the text and choose the correct option

The Simpsons

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| 1. a. came | b. shot | c. became | d. turned |
| 2. a. false | b. fake | c. unknown | d. fictional |
| 3. a. referred | b. known | c. named | d. said |
| 4. a. person | b. psyche | c. temper | d. character |
| 5. a. chapters | b. parts | c. sections | d. episodes |
| 6. a. too | b. besides | c. as well | d. also |
| 7. a. depended | b. filmed | c. based | d. relied |
| 8. a. achieve | b. manage | c. succeed | d. make |

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