

LEONARDO DICAPRIO

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Leonardo DiCaprio is a movie heartthrob and award-winning Hollywood actor. He shot to fame for his role in 'Titanic' in 1997. He has also starred in many other successful movies. DiCaprio is known for his environmentalist activities. He flies on commercial flights instead of private jets and has an eco-friendly house. He has inspired other celebrities to take up environmental causes.

DiCaprio is an only child and was born in Los Angeles in 1974. He was named after Leonardo da Vinci because his pregnant mother was looking at a da Vinci painting in Italy when her baby first kicked. Leo's actor stepbrother inspired DiCaprio to take up acting. He began looking for an agent when he was twelve but was unsuccessful.

DiCaprio started his career making TV commercials. His break came in 1990 when he appeared in several shows. DiCaprio's big breakthrough came in 1993 when he starred opposite Robert de Niro in 'The Boy's Life'. That same year he starred alongside Johnny Depp in 'What's Eating Gilbert Grape'. He was 19 and his performance earned him an Academy Award nomination.

DiCaprio's career took off and he became a Hollywood star. His status was elevated to superstar after he acted in 'Titanic', which won 11 Oscars. He was the most searched for personality on the Internet and his popularity was dubbed "Leo-mania". He said later he would "never reach that state of popularity again". Today, DiCaprio prefers to think of himself as an indie actor.

245 words
Flesch Kinkaid 9.7

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. heartthrob | a. motivated |
| 2. instead of | b. seeking |
| 3. inspired | c. called |
| 4. named | d. pinup |
| 5. pregnant | e. rather than |
| 6. looking for | f. expectant |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 7. several | g. get to |
| 8. alongside | h. a number of |
| 9. earned | i. raised |
| 10. elevated | j. got |
| 11. dubbed | k. next to |
| 12. reach | l. called |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. He flies on commercial flights | a. only child |
| 2. an eco-friendly | b. Robert de Niro |
| 3. DiCaprio is an | c. DiCaprio to take up acting |
| 4. He was named | d. alongside Johnny Depp |
| 5. Leo's actor stepbrother inspired | e. instead of private jets |
| 6. he appeared opposite | f. house |
| 7. he starred | g. himself as an indie actor |
| 8. DiCaprio's career took | h. after Leonardo da Vinci |
| 9. He was the most searched for | i. off |
| 10. DiCaprio prefers to think of | j. personality on the Internet |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Leonardo DiCaprio is _____ and award-winning Hollywood actor. He shot to fame _____ in 'Titanic' in 1997. He has also starred in many other successful movies. DiCaprio is known for his environmentalist activities. He flies on commercial _____ private jets and has an eco-friendly house. He has inspired other celebrities _____ environmental causes.

DiCaprio _____ and was born in Los Angeles in 1974. He _____ Leonardo da Vinci because his pregnant mother was looking at a da Vinci painting in Italy when her _____. Leo's actor stepbrother inspired DiCaprio to _____. He began looking for an agent when he was twelve but was unsuccessful.

DiCaprio started his career making TV commercials. _____ in 1990 when he appeared in several shows. DiCaprio's big breakthrough came in 1993 when _____ Robert de Niro in 'The Boy's Life'. That same year _____ Johnny Depp in 'What's Eating Gilbert Grape'. He was 19 and his performance _____ Academy Award nomination.

DiCaprio's career _____ became a Hollywood star. His status was elevated to superstar after he acted in 'Titanic', which won 11 Oscars. He was _____ for personality on the Internet and his popularity was dubbed "Leo-mania". He said later he would "never _____ of popularity again". Today, DiCaprio prefers to think of himself _____.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Leonardo DiCaprio is a movie *heartthrob / heartburn* and award-winning Hollywood actor. He *shot / shooting* to fame for his role in 'Titanic' in 1997. He has also starred in many other successful movies. DiCaprio is known for his environmentalist *activity / activities*. He flies on commercial flights instead of private jets and has an *eco-friendly / eco-friend* house. He has inspired other celebrities to take up environmental causes.

DiCaprio is an *only / lonely* child and was born in Los Angeles in 1974. He was named *before / after* Leonardo da Vinci because his pregnant mother was looking at a da Vinci painting in Italy when her baby first *kicking / kicked*. Leo's actor stepbrother inspired DiCaprio to take *down / up* acting. He began looking for an agent when he was twelve but was unsuccessful.

DiCaprio started his career making TV *commercialization / commercials*. His *break / breaking* came in 1990 when he appeared in several shows. DiCaprio's big breakthrough came in 1993 when he starred opposite Robert de Niro in 'The Boy's Life'. *That / Then* same year he starred *along / alongside* Johnny Depp in 'What's Eating Gilbert Grape'. He was 19 and his performance earned him an Academy Award nomination.

DiCaprio's career took *on / off* and he became a Hollywood star. His *status / statue* was elevated to superstar after he acted in 'Titanic', which won 11 Oscars. He was the most searched for personality on the Internet and his *popularity / popular* was dubbed "Leo-mania". He said later he would "never reach that state of popularity again". Today, DiCaprio *prefers / rather* to think of himself as an indie actor.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a movie htrrhoebat
2. known for his environmentalist eiiattscvi
3. ievrtap jets
4. He has eisnripd other celebrities

Paragraph 2

5. He was mndea after Leonardo da Vinci
6. his pgrnnaet mother
7. her baby first idekkc
8. take up aictng

Paragraph 3

9. nimgka TV commercials
10. he appeared oiepptos Robert de Niro
11. he starred lgoedains Johnny Depp
12. his performance eenadr him an Academy Award nomination

Paragraph 4

13. His ttussa was elevated to superstar
14. the most rdehecsa for personality on the Internet
15. reach that state of popularity
16. think of efhlism as an indie actor

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () up acting. He began looking for an agent when he was twelve but was unsuccessful.
- () DiCaprio started his career making TV commercials. His break came in 1990 when he appeared in several shows. DiCaprio's big
- () in 'Titanic' in 1997. He has also starred in many other successful movies. DiCaprio is known for his environmentalist
- () popularity was dubbed "Leo-mania". He said later he would "never reach that state
- () activities. He flies on commercial flights instead of private jets and has an eco-
- () DiCaprio's career took off and he became a Hollywood star. His status was elevated to superstar after
- () year he starred alongside Johnny Depp in 'What's Eating Gilbert Grape'. He was 19
- () of popularity again". Today, DiCaprio prefers to think of himself as an indie actor.
- () and his performance earned him an Academy Award nomination.
- (**1**) he acted in 'Titanic', which won 11 Oscars. He was the most searched for personality on the Internet and his
- () friendly house. He has inspired other celebrities to take up environmental causes.
- () Leonardo DiCaprio is a movie heartthrob and award-winning Hollywood actor. He shot to fame for his role
- () mother was looking at a da Vinci painting in Italy when her baby first kicked. Leo's actor stepbrother inspired DiCaprio to take
- () DiCaprio is an only child and was born in Los Angeles in 1974. He was named after Leonardo da Vinci because his pregnant
- () breakthrough came in 1993 when he appeared opposite Robert de Niro in 'The Boy's Life'. That same

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. his shot for in He fame role 'Titanic' to

2. DiCaprio known his activities is for environmentalist

3. jets flights He instead flies of on private commercial

4. Vinci was after da He named Leonardo

5. when twelve looking agent was began an he He for

6. career TV DiCaprio his making commercials started

7. same That Depp Johnny alongside starred he year

8. took he Hollywood career and a DiCaprio's off became star

9. the was searched on He most personality Internet the for

10. actor to himself indie prefers of an DiCaprio think as

LEONARDO DICAPRIO DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Leonardo DiCaprio?
2. Would you like to meet Leonardo DiCaprio?
3. What would you like to know about Leonardo DiCaprio and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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LEONARDO DICAPRIO DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Leonardo DiCaprio?
2. What questions would you like to ask Leonardo DiCaprio?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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LEONARDO DICAPRIO SURVEY:

Write five questions about Leonardo DiCaprio in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITING:

Write about Leonardo DiCaprio for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper.
Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Leonardo DiCaprio. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LEONARDO DICAPRIO POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Leonardo DiCaprio. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Leonardo DiCaprio. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Leonardo DiCaprio. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Leonardo DiCaprio expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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| 5. Leo's actor stepbrother inspired | e. DiCaprio to take up acting |
| 6. he appeared opposite | f. Robert de Niro |
| 7. he starred | g. alongside Johnny Depp |
| 8. DiCaprio's career took | h. off |
| 9. He was the most searched for | i. personality on the Internet |
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.