

HALLE BERRY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Halle Berry is an award-winning actress, fashion model, beauty queen, and businesswoman. She won a Best Actress Oscar for 'Monster's Ball' and a Golden Raspberry Worst Actress award for her role in 'Catwoman'. Berry is one of Hollywood's highest-paid stars and earns \$10 million per movie. She has been married three times and gave birth to her first child in 2008.

Berry was born in Ohio, USA in 1966. Her mother was a nurse and her father was a hospital attendant. She had dreams of being a top model. She won many beauty contests in the 1980s, including Miss Teen All-American. In 1986, she became the first black American Miss World entrant. She told the judges she hoped to become an entertainer.

In 1989, Berry appeared in 13 episodes of an ABC TV series. Her big break came two years later in the Spike Lee movie 'Jungle Fever'. Halle went on to regularly star in box-office hits, including the James Bond movie 'Die Another Day'. In 2001, she became the first African-American woman to win an Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in 'Monster's Ball'.

Berry has combined her acting successes with her original career in fashion. She served for many years as the face of Revlon cosmetics and the fashion house Versace. In 2008, she signed a multi-million-dollar deal with the perfume company Coty Inc, who will market her debut fragrance. Berry also has plans to be a movie producer.

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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. role | a. gets |
| 2. earns | b. had |
| 3. gave birth to | c. competitor |
| 4. dreams | d. part |
| 5. entrant | e. wished |
| 6. hoped | f. ambitions |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 7. episodes | g. joined |
| 8. break | h. first |
| 9. regularly | i. opportunity |
| 10. combined | j. agreement |
| 11. original | k. frequently |
| 12. deal | l. shows |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Halle Berry is an award- | a. of being a top model |
| 2. earns | b. become an entertainer |
| 3. She had dreams | c. face of Revlon cosmetics |
| 4. the first black American | d. multi-million-dollar deal |
| 5. She told the judges she hoped to | e. winning actress |
| 6. Berry appeared in 13 episodes | f. to be a movie producer |
| 7. win an Academy Award | g. \$10 million per movie |
| 8. She served for many years as the | h. Miss World entrant |
| 9. she signed a | i. for Best Actress |
| 10. Berry also has plans | j. of an ABC TV series |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Halle Berry is _____ actress, fashion model, beauty queen, and businesswoman. She won a Best Actress Oscar for 'Monster's Ball' and a _____ Actress award for her role in 'Catwoman'. Berry is one of Hollywood's highest-paid stars _____ per movie. She has been married three times and _____ first child in 2008.

Berry was born in Ohio, USA in 1966. Her mother was a nurse and her father was a hospital attendant. She had _____ top model. _____ contests in the 1980s, including Miss Teen All-American. In 1986, she _____ American Miss World entrant. She told the judges she _____ entertainer.

In 1989, Berry appeared _____ an ABC TV series. Her _____ two years later in the Spike Lee movie 'Jungle Fever'. Halle _____ star in box-office hits, including the James Bond movie 'Die Another Day'. In 2001, she became the first African-American _____ Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in 'Monster's Ball'.

Berry _____ acting successes with her original career in fashion. She served for many years _____ Revlon cosmetics and the fashion house Versace. In 2008, she signed a multi-_____ with the perfume company Coty Inc, who will market her debut fragrance. Berry also _____ movie producer.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Halle Berry is an *awards-* / *award-*winning actress, fashion model, beauty queen, and businesswoman. She won a Best Actress Oscar for 'Monster's Ball' and a Golden Raspberry Worst Actress award for her *roll* / *role* in 'Catwoman'. Berry is one of Hollywood's highest-paid stars and *earns* / *earnings* \$10 million per movie. She has been married three times and gave *born* / *birth* to her first child in 2008.

Berry was *born* / *birth* in Ohio, USA in 1966. Her mother was a nurse and her father was a hospital *attention* / *attendant*. She had dreams of being a top model. She won many beauty contests *at* / *in* the 1980s, including Miss Teen All-American. In 1986, she became the first black American Miss World *entrant* / *entrance*. She told the judges she hoped to become an entertainer.

In 1989, Berry appeared in 13 episodes *for* / *of* an ABC TV series. Her big *break* / *broken* came two years later in the Spike Lee movie 'Jungle Fever'. Halle went on to *regularly* / *regular* star in box-office hits, including the James Bond movie 'Die Another Day'. In 2001, she became the first African-American woman to win an Academy Award *of* / *for* Best Actress for her role in 'Monster's Ball'.

Berry has combined her acting successes with her *origin* / *original* career in fashion. She *served* / *saved* for many years as the face of Revlon cosmetics and the fashion *home* / *house* Versace. In 2008, she signed a multi-million-dollar *dealt* / *deal* with the perfume company Coty Inc, who will market her debut fragrance. Berry also has plans to be a movie producer.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. beyuta queen
2. rosWt Actress award
3. rasen \$10 million per movie
4. gave btrih to her first child

Paragraph 2

5. Her mother was a erusrn
6. She had earsmd of being a top model
7. the ugsdje
8. become an etiaerrnent

Paragraph 3

9. 13 oipseeds of an ABC TV series
10. Her big kerab came two years later
11. ryurlgela star in box-office hits
12. cirnfAa-American woman

Paragraph 4

13. iebcdmno her acting successes
14. her girnioal career
15. the peeurmf company Coty Inc
16. movie rerdupco

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () movie 'Jungle Fever'. Halle went on to regularly star in box-office hits, including the
- () Berry was born in Ohio, USA in 1966. Her mother was a nurse and her father was a hospital attendant. She had dreams
- () entrant. She told the judges she hoped to become an entertainer.
- () Berry has combined her acting successes with her original career in fashion. She served for many years as the face
- () of being a top model. She won many beauty contests in the 1980s, including
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- () company Coty Inc, who will market her debut fragrance. Berry also has plans to be a movie producer.
- () In 1989, Berry appeared in 13 episodes of an ABC TV series. Her big break came two years later in the Spike Lee
- () American woman to win an Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in 'Monster's Ball'.
- () Hollywood's highest-paid stars and earns \$10 million per movie. She has been
- () married three times and gave birth to her first child in 2008.
- () of Revlon cosmetics and the fashion house Versace. In 2008, she signed a multi-million-dollar deal with the perfume
- () Miss Teen All-American. In 1986, she became the first black American Miss World
- () Oscar for 'Monster's Ball' and a Golden Raspberry Worst Actress award for her role in 'Catwoman'. Berry is one of
- () James Bond movie 'Die Another Day'. In 2001, she became the first African-

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. paid of stars Hollywood's Berry highest is - one

2. birth gave 2008 in child first her to

3. dreams had She model top a being of

4. World the black Miss entrant first American

5. she become She judges to entertainer the hoped an told

6. of TV appeared episodes ABC Berry 13 an series in

7. regularly star in box-office hits Halle went on to

8. for many years as the face of Revlon She served

9. a dollar multi deal - she million signed -

10. producer to Berry be also a has movie plans

HALLE BERRY DISCUSSION:

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

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

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HALLE BERRY DISCUSSION:

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

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

HALLE BERRY SURVEY:

Write five questions about Halle Berry 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.

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 Halle Berry. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. HALLE BERRY POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Halle Berry. 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 Halle Berry. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she 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 Halle Berry. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Halle Berry expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.