

NICOLE KIDMAN

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Nicole Kidman is a highly successful Academy Award-winning actress. In 2006, she was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for her contributions to charity, health care and film. This is Australia's highest civilian honour. Kidman is a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF and in 2004, was honoured as a "Citizen of the World" by the UN.

Kidman was born in Hawaii in 1967. Her family returned to Australia permanently when she was four years old. She grew up and went to school in Sydney. After high school, she studied at several Sydney theatres to realize her ambitions to become an actress. Throughout the 1980s she appeared in music videos and TV dramas, including the popular Bangkok Hilton in 1989.

Her breakthrough came in 1990 when she starred opposite Tom Cruise in 'Days of Thunder'. She was now one of Hollywood's top stars and landed the lead in many blockbuster movies. She won an Oscar for Best Actress in 2002 for her role in 'Hours'. Also in 2002, Kidman starred on stage in London and New York in the play 'The Blue Room'. She got rave reviews.

Kidman's private life has rarely been out of the headlines. She fell in love with and married Tom Cruise in 1990. For a decade they were Hollywood's hottest romance, until their divorce just after their tenth wedding anniversary. She married country singer Keith Urban in 2006. The couple have mansions in Australia and the USA. She holds passports for both countries.

248 words

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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. highly | a. ordinary person |
| 2. civilian | b. a number of |
| 3. honour | c. forever |
| 4. permanently | d. make happen |
| 5. several | e. hugely |
| 6. realize | f. award |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 7. breakthrough | g. starring role |
| 8. lead | h. hardly ever |
| 9. rave | i. has |
| 10. rarely | j. step forward |
| 11. hottest | k. excellent |
| 12. holds | l. most popular |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. her contributions to charity, | a. civilian honour |
| 2. This is Australia's highest | b. hottest romance |
| 3. Her family returned | c. music videos |
| 4. realize her ambitions | d. blockbuster movies |
| 5. she appeared in | e. health care and film |
| 6. Her breakthrough | f. reviews |
| 7. landed the lead in many | g. to become an actress |
| 8. She got rave | h. out of the headlines |
| 9. Kidman's private life has rarely been | i. to Australia permanently |
| 10. For a decade they were Hollywood's | j. came in 1990 |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Nicole Kidman _____ successful Academy Award-winning actress. In 2006, she _____ Companion of the Order of Australia for her contributions to charity, health _____. This is Australia's highest civilian honour. Kidman is a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF and in 2004, _____ as a "Citizen of the World" by the UN.

Kidman was born in Hawaii in 1967. Her family returned to Australia _____ when she was four years old. She _____ went to school in Sydney. After high school, she _____ Sydney theatres to realize her ambitions to become an actress. Throughout the 1980s _____ music videos and TV dramas, including the popular Bangkok Hilton in 1989.

Her breakthrough came in 1990 _____ opposite Tom Cruise in 'Days of Thunder'. She _____ Hollywood's top stars and _____ many blockbuster movies. She won an Oscar for Best Actress in 2002 for her role in 'Hours'. Also in 2002, Kidman starred on stage in London and New York in the play 'The Blue Room'. She _____.

Kidman's private life has _____ the headlines. She fell in love with and married Tom Cruise in 1990. For _____ were Hollywood's _____, until their divorce just after their tenth wedding anniversary. She married country singer Keith Urban in 2006. The couple _____ Australia and the USA. She holds passports for both countries.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Nicole Kidman is a *highly / high* successful Academy Award-winning actress. In 2006, she was *making / made* a Companion of the Order of Australia for her contributions to charity, health care and film. This is Australia's *high / highest* civilian honour. Kidman is a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF and in 2004, was *honouring / honoured* as a "Citizen of the World" by the UN.

Kidman was born in Hawaii in 1967. Her family returned to Australia *permanent / permanently* when she was four years old. She grew up and went to school in Sydney. After high school, she studied at several Sydney theatres to *realize / reality* her ambitions to become an actress. Throughout *the / all* 1980s she appeared in music videos and TV dramas, including the *popular / popularity* Bangkok Hilton in 1989.

Her *breakthrough / breakdown* came in 1990 when she starred opposite Tom Cruise in 'Days of Thunder'. She was *know / now* one of Hollywood's top stars and landed the lead in many *blocked / blockbuster* movies. She won an Oscar for Best Actress in 2002 for her role in 'Hours'. Also in 2002, Kidman starred on stage in London and New York in the play 'The Blue Room'. She got rave *reviewed / reviews*.

Kidman's private life has rarely been out *of / for* the headlines. She fell in love with and married Tom Cruise in 1990. For a decade they were Hollywood's hottest romance, *until / still* their divorce just after their tenth wedding *ceremony / anniversary*. She married country singer Keith Urvan in 2006. The couple have mansions in Australia and the USA. She holds passports for *both / all* countries.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

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2. contributions to hycrait, health care and film
3. Kidman is a lwdoGoil Ambassador for UNICEF
4. honoured as a "nieziCt of the World" by the UN

Paragraph 2

5. Her family rtnreude to Australia permanently when she was four
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Paragraph 3

9. Her bghrhokeratu came in 1990
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Paragraph 4

13. Kidman's private life has rly aer been out of the headlines
14. For a daeced they were Hollywood's hottest romance
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16. She holds sotsarpsp for both countries

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () civilian honour. Kidman is a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF and in 2004, was honoured as a "Citizen of the World" by the UN.
- () Her breakthrough came in 1990 when she starred opposite Tom Cruise in 'Days of Thunder'. She was now
- () to realize her ambitions to become an actress. Throughout the 1980s she appeared in
- () four years old. She grew up and went to school in Sydney. After high school, she studied at several Sydney theatres
- () have mansions in Australia and the USA. She holds passports for both countries.
- (**1**) Nicole Kidman is a highly successful Academy Award-winning actress. In 2006, she was made
- () in London and New York in the play 'The Blue Room'. She got rave reviews.
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- () music videos and TV dramas, including the popular Bangkok Hilton in 1989.
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- () Kidman's private life has rarely been out of the headlines. She fell in love with and
- () divorce just after their tenth wedding anniversary. She married country singer Keith Urban in 2006. The couple
- () one of Hollywood's top stars and landed the lead in many blockbuster movies. She won an Oscar for Best Actress
- () in 2002 for her role in 'Hours'. Also in 2002, Kidman starred on stage

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. - Award Academy successful highly a actress winning

2. a Ambassador UNICEF is Goodwill for Kidman

3. Her to when four returned permanently was family Australia she

4. She to grew school up in and Sydney went

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

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

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

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

THE NICOLE KIDMAN SURVEY:

Write five questions about Nicole Kidman 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 Nicole Kidman. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NICOLE KIDMAN POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Nicole Kidman. 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 Nicole Kidman. 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 Nicole Kidman. 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 "Nicole Kidman expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.