

BRAD PITT

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

William Bradley Pitt is an American actor and film producer. He is one of Hollywood's superstars and received an Academy Award nomination in 1995 but has yet to win an Oscar. He often tops the "most handsome guy in the world" lists. He was married to Jennifer Aniston for five years and is now married to Angelina Jolie, with whom he has six children.

Brad was born in 1963 in Oklahoma. His father owned a trucking company and his mother was a school counsellor. He was an active student and enjoyed debating and acting. He studied journalism at the University of Missouri but his heart wasn't really in reporting. He didn't finish his degree but instead drove to Hollywood to look for fame.

In 1988, Pitt landed his first role in 'The Dark Side of the Sun', which was filmed in the former Yugoslavia. He attracted great attention in the hit movie 'Thelma & Louise'. This made him a sex symbol after he was filmed topless wearing a cowboy hat. Pitt slowly got bigger roles, including Robert Redford's 'A River Runs Through It' in 1992.

In 1994, his role in 'Interview with a Vampire' launched him into the big time as Hollywood's hottest actor. Other blockbusters followed, including 'Se7en', 'Fight Club', 'Twelve Monkeys' and 'Ocean's Eleven'. Pitt has used his fame to help the homeless in New Orleans. He is also behind the organization Not On Our Watch, which raises awareness of the suffering in Darfur.

245 words
Flesch Kinkaid 8.8

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. film | a. kids |
| 2. tops | b. in fact |
| 3. children | c. heads |
| 4. debating | d. movie |
| 5. really | e. stardom |
| 6. fame | f. discussing |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 7. landed | g. gradually |
| 8. great | h. increases |
| 9. slowly | i. got |
| 10. launched | j. a lot of |
| 11. raises | k. pain |
| 12. suffering | l. started |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. has yet | a. counsellor |
| 2. He often tops the most handsome | b. former Yugoslavia |
| 3. his mother was a school | c. look for fame |
| 4. his heart wasn't really | d. to win an Oscar |
| 5. drove to Hollywood to | e. homeless in New Orleans |
| 6. filmed in the | f. in Darfur |
| 7. sex | g. bigger roles |
| 8. Pitt slowly got | h. in reporting |
| 9. Pitt has used his fame to help the | i. guy in the world lists |
| 10. raises awareness of the suffering | j. symbol |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

William Bradley Pitt is an American actor and film producer. He is one of Hollywood's superstars and received an Academy Award nomination in 1995 _____ win an Oscar. He often tops the "most handsome guy _____". He was married to Jennifer Aniston for five years and is now married to Angelina Jolie, _____ six children.

Brad was born in 1963 in Oklahoma. His _____ trucking company and his mother was a school counsellor. He was an active student and _____ acting. He studied journalism at the University of Missouri but his _____ in reporting. He didn't finish his degree _____ to Hollywood to look for fame.

In 1988, Pitt _____ role in 'The Dark Side of the Sun', which was filmed in the former Yugoslavia. He _____ attention in the hit movie 'Thelma & Louise'. This made him a sex symbol _____ filmed topless wearing a cowboy hat. Pitt slowly _____, including Robert Redford's 'A River Runs Through It' in 1992.

In 1994, his role in 'Interview with a Vampire' _____ into the big time as Hollywood's hottest actor. _____ followed, including 'Se7en', 'Fight Club', 'Twelve Monkeys' and 'Ocean's Eleven'. Pitt has used his fame to _____ in New Orleans. He is also behind the organization Not On Our Watch, which raises awareness of _____ Darfur.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

William Bradley Pitt is an American actor and film *production / producer*. He is one of Hollywood's superstars and received an Academy Award nomination in 1995 but has *yet / not* to win an Oscar. He often tops the "most handsome guy *in / on* the world" lists. He was married to Jennifer Aniston for five years and is now married to Angelina Jolie, with *which / whom* he has six children.

Brad was born in 1963 in Oklahoma. His father *owned / owner* a trucking company and his mother was a school counsellor. He was an *activity / active* student and enjoyed debating and acting. He studied journalism at the University of Missouri but his *heart / lung* wasn't really in reporting. He didn't finish his degree but instead *driving / drove* to Hollywood to look for fame.

In 1988, Pitt *landing / landed* his first role in 'The Dark Side of the Sun', which was filmed in the *former / farmer* Yugoslavia. He attracted great attention in the hit movie 'Thelma & Louise'. This made him a *sex symbol / symbolism* after he was filmed topless wearing a cowboy hat. Pitt *slowed / slowly* got bigger roles, including Robert Redford's 'A River Runs Through It' in 1992.

In 1994, his role in 'Interview with a Vampire' *lunched / launched* him into the big time *was / as* Hollywood's hottest actor. Other blockbusters followed, including 'Se7en', 'Fight Club', 'Twelve Monkeys' and 'Ocean's Eleven'. Pitt has used his *fame / famous* to help the homeless in New Orleans. He is also behind the organization Not On Our Watch, which raises awareness of the *suffers / suffering* in Darfur.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. film rucordep
2. He is one of Hollywood's esrptssuar
3. the most senodahm guy in the world
4. he has six dlenhcir

Paragraph 2

5. His father wnedo a trucking company
6. He was an itevca student
7. his erath wasn't really in reporting
8. He didn't finish his egedre

Paragraph 3

9. In 1988, Pitt ednadl his first role
10. was filmed in the ermorf Yugoslavia
11. sex mlsboy
12. mleidf topless wearing a cowboy hat

Paragraph 4

13. Other blockbusters dwfolloe
14. ludnceha him into the big time
15. the lemsheos in New Orleans
16. the ifesugfrn in Darfur

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () In 1988, Pitt landed his first role in 'The Dark Side of the Sun', which was filmed in the former
- () Yugoslavia. He attracted great attention in the hit movie 'Thelma & Louise'. This made him a sex
- () finish his degree but instead drove to Hollywood to look for fame.
- () counsellor. He was an active student and enjoyed debating and acting. He studied journalism
- () roles, including Robert Redford's 'A River Runs Through It' in 1992.
- () Academy Award nomination in 1995 but has yet to win an Oscar. He often tops the "most handsome guy in the world"
- () organization Not On Our Watch, which raises awareness of the suffering in Darfur.
- () Eleven'. Pitt has used his fame to help the homeless in New Orleans. He is also behind the
- () lists. He was married to Jennifer Aniston for five years and is now married to Angelina Jolie, with whom he has six children.
- () actor. Other blockbusters followed, including 'Se7en', 'Fight Club', 'Twelve Monkeys' and 'Ocean's
- () Brad was born in 1963 in Oklahoma. His father owned a trucking company and his mother was a school
- () In 1994, his role in 'Interview with a Vampire' launched him into the big time as Hollywood's hottest
- () symbol after he was filmed topless wearing a cowboy hat. Pitt slowly got bigger
- () at the University of Missouri but his heart wasn't really in reporting. He didn't
- (**1**) William Bradley Pitt is an American actor and film producer. He is one of Hollywood's superstars and received an

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. yet has Oscar an win to

2. the in guy handsome most the lists world

3. student active an was He debating enjoyed and

4. his reporting in really wasn't heart

5. for drove Hollywood look fame to to

6. filmed former in Yugoslavia the

7. wearing topless filmed was he hat cowboy a

8. launched time big the into him

9. New in homeless the help to fame his used Orleans

10. suffering Darfur awareness the in raises of

BRAD PITT DISCUSSION:

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

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

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BRAD PITT DISCUSSION:

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

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

BRAD PITT SURVEY:

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

3. BRAD PITT POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Brad Pitt. 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 Brad Pitt. 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 Brad Pitt. 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 "Brad Pitt expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 3. his mother was a school | c. counsellor |
| 4. his heart wasn't really | d. in reporting |
| 5. drove to Hollywood to | e. look for fame |
| 6. filmed in the | f. former Yugoslavia |
| 7. sex | g. symbol |
| 8. Pitt slowly got | h. bigger roles |
| 9. Pitt has used his fame to help the | i. homeless in New Orleans |
| 10. raises awareness of the suffering | j. in Darfur |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.