

JOHNNY DEPP

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Johnny Depp was born in 1963. He had a troubled childhood and often harmed himself to overcome his shyness. He said his scars and tattoos mean his body is like a journal of his life. His mother bought him a guitar when he was 12. He had several unsuccessful attempts at becoming a rock star. Years later, he played guitar on an Oasis song.

In 1983 he married Lori Allison, a Hollywood make-up artist. She introduced him to the actor Nicolas Cage, who encouraged him to take up acting. His break came the following year with a role in "A Nightmare on Elm Street". This was the first of many successful films that would make Depp one of Hollywood's top earners.

Depp's marriage ended in divorce in 1985. He became romantically involved with celebrities including actress Winona Ryder and supermodel Kate Moss. He finally found true love with French singer Vanessa Paradis. The couple have two children who Depp says have given him everything in life, including deep love. He lives with his family and makes wine in France.

Depp has appeared in some of the most memorable movies of the past two decades. All of his roles have been extremely different. He played J.M. Barrie (the creator of Peter Pan), Willie Wonka, and more recently Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean". He said he only chooses films that he finds personally interesting and not those that might be a commercial success.

243 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. troubled | a. chance |
| 2. overcome | b. numerous |
| 3. several | c. disturbed |
| 4. encouraged | d. start |
| 5. take up | e. persuaded |
| 6. break | f. get over |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 7. ended | g. caught up |
| 8. involved | h. acted |
| 9. true | i. finished |
| 10. appeared | j. money-making |
| 11. extremely | k. real |
| 12. commercial | l. very |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. He had a troubled | a. up acting |
| 2. overcome | b. with celebrities |
| 3. several unsuccessful attempts | c. top earners |
| 4. encouraged him to take | d. his shyness |
| 5. make Depp one of Hollywood's | e. of the past two decades |
| 6. He became romantically involved | f. personally interesting |
| 7. He finally found | g. childhood |
| 8. the most memorable movies | h. different |
| 9. All of his roles have been extremely | i. at becoming a rock star |
| 10. films that he finds | j. true love |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Johnny Depp was born in 1963. He had _____ and often harmed himself _____ shyness. He said his scars and tattoos mean his body is _____ his life. His mother bought him a guitar when he was 12. He had several unsuccessful _____ becoming a rock star. Years later, he played guitar on an Oasis song.

In 1983 he married Lori Allison, a Hollywood make-up artist. She introduced _____ Nicolas Cage, who encouraged him _____. His break came the following year with a role in "A Nightmare on Elm Street". This _____ many successful films _____ Depp one of Hollywood's top earners.

Depp's marriage ended in divorce in 1985. He became romantically _____ including actress Winona Ryder and supermodel Kate Moss. He finally _____ with French singer Vanessa Paradis. The couple have two children who Depp says have given him everything in life, _____. He lives with his family and makes wine in France.

Depp has appeared in _____ memorable movies of the past two decades. All _____ been extremely different. He played J.M. Barrie (the creator of Peter Pan), Willie Wonka, _____ Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean". He said he only chooses films that he finds personally interesting and not _____ a commercial success.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Johnny Depp was born in 1963. He had a *trouble / troubled* childhood and often *harmed / harmful* himself to overcome his shyness. He said his *scars / scares* and tattoos mean his body is like a journal of his life. His mother bought him a guitar when he was 12. He had several unsuccessful attempts at becoming a rock star. *Year / Years* later, he played guitar on an Oasis song.

In 1983 he married Lori Allison, a Hollywood make-up artist. She introduced him *for / to* the actor Nicolas Cage, who encouraged him to take *down / up* acting. His break came the following year with a *roll / role* in "A Nightmare on Elm Street". This was the first of many successful films that would *to make / make* Depp one of Hollywood's top earners.

Depp's marriage ended *in / by* divorce in 1985. He became romantically involved with celebrities including actress Winona Ryder and supermodel Kate Moss. He *final / finally* found *true / truly* love with French singer Vanessa Paradis. The couple have two children who Depp says have given him everything in life, including *deeply / deep* love. He lives with his family and makes wine in France.

Depp has appeared in some of the most *memories / memorable* movies of the past two decades. All of his roles have been *extreme / extremely* different. He played J.M. Barrie (the creator of Peter Pan), Willie Wonka, and more recently Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean". He said he only *choice / chooses* films that he finds personally interesting and not *these / those* that might be a commercial success.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. He had a udoelbtr childhood
2. his body is like a ajnulro of his life
3. several unsuccessful esmttatp
4. he played triagu on an Oasis song

Paragraph 2

5. a Hollywood make-up irttsa
6. take up tcagin
7. His break came the gloowifln year
8. one of Hollywood's top anserre

Paragraph 3

9. Depp's marriage ended in erovidc
10. romantically Inodievv with celebrities
11. He ifyalln found true love
12. given him yregvthnei in life

Paragraph 4

13. some of the most balrmeeom movies
14. ryxteelme different
15. films that he finds aleslroynp interesting
16. commercial ecsscsu

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () his shyness. He said his scars and tattoos mean his body is like a journal of his life. His mother bought
- () in life, including deep love. He lives with his family and makes wine in France.
- () the first of many successful films that would make Depp one of Hollywood's top earners.
- () him a guitar when he was 12. He had several unsuccessful attempts at becoming
- () encouraged him to take up acting. His break came the following year with a role in "A Nightmare on Elm Street". This was
- () love with French singer Vanessa Paradis. The couple have two children who Depp says have given him everything
- () including actress Winona Ryder and supermodel Kate Moss. He finally found true
- () Depp's marriage ended in divorce in 1985. He became romantically involved with celebrities
- () In 1983 he married Lori Allison, a Hollywood make-up artist. She introduced him to the actor Nicolas Cage, who
- () have been extremely different. He played J.M. Barrie (the creator of Peter Pan), Willie Wonka, and more
- () Depp has appeared in some of the most memorable movies of the past two decades. All of his roles
- () personally interesting and not those that might be a commercial success.
- () recently Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean". He said he only chooses films that he finds
- () a rock star. Years later, he played guitar on an Oasis song.
- (**1**) Johnny Depp was born in 1963. He had a troubled childhood and often harmed himself to overcome

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. had childhood a He troubled

2. life a his journal body of is his like

3. becoming at attempts unsuccessful several star rock a

4. him encouraged acting up take to

5. the was This films successful many of first

6. marriage in in Depp's ended divorce 1985

7. true French Paradis found with Vanessa finally love singer He

8. the most past memorable two movies decades of the

9. of All different extremely been have roles his

10. said he only chooses films that he finds personally interesting He

JOHNNY DEPP DISCUSSION:

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

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

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JOHNNY DEPP DISCUSSION:

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

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

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JOHNNY DEPP SURVEY:

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

3. JOHNNY DEPP POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Johnny Depp. 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 Johnny Depp. 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 Johnny Depp. 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 "Johnny Depp expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 6. break | f. chance |

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| 5. make Depp one of Hollywood's | e. top earners |
| 6. He became romantically involved | f. with celebrities |
| 7. He finally found | g. true love |
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| 10. films that he finds | j. personally interesting |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.