

AISHWARYA BACHCHAN

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Aishwarya "Rai" Bachchan is one of India's best known and best loved actresses. She was born in 1973 and was a very bright pupil at school. She worked part-time as a model while studying architecture. She planned to be an architect. Things changed all of a sudden in 1994 when she entered and won the Miss World contest.

Rai became a full-time model after her year's duties as Miss World. She is still called the most beautiful woman in the world. She is also multi-lingual and can speak five languages. She made her movie debut in 'Iruvar,' a 1997 Tamil film. It didn't do very well. Her first commercial success came a year later in another Tamil movie, 'Jeans'.

The Bollywood movie industry took an instant like to her and she starred in several very successful Hindi movies. In 1999 she won the Filmfare Best Actress Award. She has acted in over 40 movies in the past decade in Hindi, Tamil, Bengali and English. She also landed the lead female role in 2009's 'Pink Panther 2' movie in Hollywood.

She gained popularity overseas and was one of 'Time' magazine's 100 most influential people in 2004. That same year, a wax figure of Rai was put on display in London's Madame Tussaud's museum. In 2007, she married Indian actor Abhishek Bachchan in a spectacular Hindu ceremony. In Indian culture, Rai is considered a 'Mangalik', which according to the stars is a destructive influence in married life.

245 words

Flesch Kinkaid 8.4

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. bright | a. first appearance |
| 2. pupil | b. tasks |
| 3. things | c. student |
| 4. duties | d. money-making |
| 5. debut | e. intelligent |
| 6. commercial | f. everything |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 7. instant | g. got |
| 8. several | h. negative |
| 9. landed | i. abroad |
| 10. overseas | j. immediate |
| 11. spectacular | k. numerous |
| 12. destructive | l. magnificent |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. a very bright | a. be an architect |
| 2. She planned to | b. can speak five languages |
| 3. She is also multi-lingual and | c. ceremony |
| 4. It didn't do | d. in the past decade |
| 5. Her first commercial success | e. very well |
| 6. The Bollywood movie industry took | f. married life |
| 7. She has acted in over 40 movies | g. pupil at school |
| 8. She gained popularity | h. came a year later |
| 9. a spectacular Hindu | i. an instant like to her |
| 10. a destructive influence in | j. overseas |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Aishwarya "Rai" Bachchan is one of India's _____ loved actresses. She was born in 1973 and was _____ school. She worked part-time as a model while studying architecture. She planned to be an architect. Things changed _____ 1994 when she entered and won the Miss World contest.

Rai became a full-time model _____ Miss World. She is still called the most beautiful woman in the world. _____ and can speak five languages. She made her movie debut in 'Iruvar,' a 1997 Tamil film. It didn't do very well. Her _____ came a year later in another Tamil movie, 'Jeans'.

The Bollywood movie industry _____ and she starred in several very successful Hindi movies. In 1999 she won the Filmfare Best Actress Award. _____ 40 movies in the past decade in Hindi, Tamil, Bengali and English. She also _____ role in 2009's 'Pink Panther 2' movie in Hollywood.

She _____ and was one of 'Time' magazine's 100 most influential people in 2004. That same year, a wax figure of Rai _____ London's Madame Tussaud's museum. In 2007, she married Indian actor Abhishek Bachchan in a spectacular Hindu ceremony. In Indian culture, Rai is considered a 'Mangalik', which according to the stars _____ in married life.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Aishwarya "Rai" Bachchan is one of India's best *know / known* and best loved actresses. She was born in 1973 and was a very *bright / light* pupil at school. She worked part-time as a model while studying architecture. She planned to be an architect. Things changed all of a *suddenly / sudden* in 1994 when she entered and *beat / won* the Miss World contest.

Rai became a full-time model after her *year's / annual* duties as Miss World. She is still *calling / called* the most beautiful woman in the world. She is also multi-lingual and can *speak / spoken* five languages. She made her movie debut in 'Iruvar,' a 1997 Tamil film. It didn't do very *good / well*. Her first commercial success came a year later in another Tamil movie, 'Jeans'.

The Bollywood movie industry took an *instantly / instant* like to her and she *starred / starring* in several very successful Hindi movies. In 1999 she won the Filmfare Best Actress Award. She has acted *on / in* over 40 movies in the past decade in Hindi, Tamil, Bengali and English. She also *landed / land* the lead female role in 2009's 'Pink Panther 2' movie in Hollywood.

She gained *popularity / popular* overseas and was one of 'Time' magazine's 100 most influential *person / people* in 2004. That same year, a wax figure of Rai was put *in / on* display in London's Madame Tussaud's museum. In 2007, she married Indian actor Abhishek Bachchan in a spectacular Hindu ceremony. *In / On* Indian culture, Rai is considered a 'Mangalik', which according to the stars is a destructive influence in married life.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. a very rhigtb pupil at school
2. She planned to be an actrhteic
3. Things changed all of a snddeu
4. entered and won the Miss World teosntc

Paragraph 2

5. her year's eusidt as Miss World
6. She is also multi-nllaigu and can speak five languages
7. She made her movie udbet
8. Her first commercial cusescs came a year later

Paragraph 3

9. The Bollywood movie industry took an itsnnt like to her
10. she starred in reasevl very successful Hindi movies
11. She has acedt in over 40 movies
12. She also landed the lead elfema role

Paragraph 4

13. She gained popularity vrseesao
14. London's Madame Tussaud's meumsu
15. a spectacular Hindu nomeryec
16. according to the ssrta

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () pupil at school. She worked part-time as a model while studying architecture. She planned to
- () decade in Hindi, Tamil, Bengali and English. She also landed the lead female role in 2009's 'Pink Panther 2' movie in Hollywood.
- () Rai became a full-time model after her year's duties as Miss World. She is still
- () be an architect. Things changed all of a sudden in 1994 when she entered and won the Miss World contest.
- () museum. In 2007, she married Indian actor Abhishek Bachchan in a spectacular Hindu
- () The Bollywood movie industry took an instant like to her and she starred in several very successful Hindi movies. In 1999 she won
- (**1**) Aishwarya "Rai" Bachchan is one of India's best known and best loved actresses. She was born in 1973 and was a very bright
- () called the most beautiful woman in the world. She is also multi-lingual and can speak five languages. She made her movie
- () a year later in another Tamil movie, 'Jeans'.
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- () influential people in 2004. That same year, a wax figure of Rai was put on display in London's Madame Tussaud's
- () ceremony. In Indian culture, Rai is considered a 'Mangalik', which according to the
- () the Filmfare Best Actress Award. She has acted in over 40 movies in the past
- () stars is a destructive influence in married life.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. very a school at pupil bright

2. studying architecture She worked part-time as a model while

3. sudden a of all changed Things

4. languages She is also multi-lingual and can speak five

5. well do It very didn't

6. movie an to Bollywood took like The industry instant her

7. has in 40 She acted over movies

8. gained She overseas popularity

9. of display Rai a was wax put figure on

10. life married in influence destructive a

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What do you know about Aishwarya Bachchan?
2. Would you like to meet Aishwarya Bachchan?
3. What would you like to know about Aishwarya Bachchan 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 Aishwarya Bachchan?
2. What questions would you like to ask Aishwarya Bachchan?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE AISHWARYA BACHCHAN SURVEY:

Write five questions about Aishwarya Bachchan 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 Aishwarya Bachchan for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

Lined writing area consisting of 20 horizontal lines.

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

3. AISHWARYA BACHCHAN POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Aishwarya Bachchan. 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 Aishwarya Bachchan. 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 Aishwarya Bachchan. 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 "Aishwarya Bachchan expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.