

KEIRA KNIGHTLEY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Keira Knightley is an award-winning actress. She began her career as a child and became known internationally while she was still in her teens. Today she is one of Hollywood's leading ladies and is in big demand. She is a down-to-earth woman at heart. She likes English football, going to her local pub, and British TV dramas.

Knightley was born in England in 1985. At school she had problems with reading and spelling and doctors discovered she was dyslexic. Regardless, she did well in her studies and set her mind on becoming an actress. She got her own talent agent when she was six. In the 1990s, she performed in various local plays before getting several roles in television films.

In 1999, Knightley appeared in the Hollywood blockbuster 'Star Wars: Episode I'. This was a sign of bigger things to come. Her first starring role came in 2001 in Disney's 'Princess of Thieves'. A year later she starred in 'Bend It Like Beckham', which really opened doors for her. Knightley's 2003 appearances in 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and 'Love Actually' cemented her star status.

Knightley got rave reviews and an Academy Award nomination for her performance in 'Pride and Prejudice' in 2005. She received more glowing praise for 'The Edge of Love' in 2008. Knightley has not let her success go to her head. She has warned kids that being famous also has its downsides because the media constantly watch whatever you do and say.

245 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. internationally | a. simple |
| 2. leading | b. found |
| 3. down-to-earth | c. top |
| 4. discovered | d. different |
| 5. set one's mind on | e. globally |
| 6. various | f. planned |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 7. blockbuster | g. acclaim |
| 8. opened doors | h. secured |
| 9. cemented | i. always |
| 10. rave | j. hit |
| 11. praise | k. created opportunities |
| 12. constantly | l. excellent |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. She began her career | a. she was dyslexic |
| 2. while she was still | b. bigger things to come |
| 3. She is a down-to-earth woman | c. doors for her |
| 4. doctors discovered | d. more glowing praise |
| 5. set her mind | e. go to her head |
| 6. This was a sign of | f. reviews |
| 7. ...which really opened | g. in her teens |
| 8. Knightley got rave | h. as a child |
| 9. She received | i. at heart |
| 10. let her success | j. on becoming an actress |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Keira Knightley is _____ actress. She began her career as a child and became known internationally while she was _____. Today she is one of Hollywood's leading ladies and _____. She is a down-to-earth _____. She likes English football, going to her local pub, and British TV dramas.

Knightley was born in England in 1985. At school she _____ reading and spelling and doctors discovered _____. Regardless, she did well in her studies and _____ becoming an actress. She got her own talent agent when she was six. In the 1990s, she performed in _____ before getting several roles in television films.

In 1999, Knightley appeared in the Hollywood blockbuster 'Star Wars: Episode I'. This was a sign _____ to come. Her _____ came in 2001 in Disney's 'Princess of Thieves'. A year later she starred in 'Bend It Like Beckham', _____ doors for her. Knightley's 2003 appearances in 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and 'Love _____ status.

Knightley _____ and an Academy Award nomination for her performance in 'Pride and Prejudice' in 2005. She _____ praise for 'The Edge of Love' in 2008. Knightley has not let _____ her head. She has warned kids that being famous also has its downsides because the media constantly watch _____ and say.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Keira Knightley is an *award-* / *awards*-winning actress. She began her career *as* / *was* a child and became known internationally while she was still in her *teenager* / *teens*. Today she is one of Hollywood's leading ladies and is in big demand. She is a down-to-earth woman at *head* / *heart*. She likes English football, going to her local pub, and British TV dramas.

Knightley was born in England in 1985. At school she had problems *with* / *for* reading and spelling and doctors *discovering* / *discovered* she was dyslexic. Regardless, she did well in her studies and set her *mind* / *head* on becoming an actress. She got her own talent agent when she was six. In the 1990s, she performed in *various* / *variety* local plays before getting several roles in television films.

In 1999, Knightley appeared in the Hollywood blockbuster 'Star Wars: Episode I'. This was a *sign* / *poster* of bigger things to come. Her first starring *role* / *roll* came in 2001 in Disney's 'Princess of Thieves'. A year later she starred in 'Bend It Like Beckham', which really opened *rooms* / *doors* for her. Knightley's 2003 appearances in 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and 'Love Actually' cemented her star *status* / *statues*.

Knightley got *rate* / *rave* reviews and an Academy Award nomination for her performance in 'Pride and Prejudice' in 2005. She received more *glowing* / *blowing* praise for 'The Edge of Love' in 2008. Knightley has not let her success go to her *head* / *feet*. She has warned kids that being famous also has its *downsize* / *downsides* because the media constantly watch whatever you do and say.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. Keira Knightley is an awdar-winning actress
2. still in her neset
3. one of Hollywood's lneadig ladies
4. She is a down-to-earth woman at tehra

Paragraph 2

5. At school she had loesmprb with reading
6. doctors escdrvdeio she was dyslexic
7. set her nmid on becoming an actress
8. performed in aruvois local plays

Paragraph 3

9. This was a sign of erggib things to come
10. Her first aginsrtr role
11. really pondee doors for her
12. 'Love Actually' tencdeme her star status

Paragraph 4

13. Knightley got rave wseveir
14. She received more glowing arspie
15. Knightley has not let her sseccus go to her head
16. the media nscoltyant watch whatever you do

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in various local plays before getting several roles in television films.
- () things to come. Her first starring role came in 2001 in Disney's 'Princess of Thieves'. A year
- () for 'The Edge of Love' in 2008. Knightley has not let her success go to her head. She has warned kids that
- () Knightley got rave reviews and an Academy Award nomination for her
- () reading and spelling and doctors discovered she was dyslexic. Regardless, she did well in her studies and set
- () In 1999, Knightley appeared in the Hollywood blockbuster 'Star Wars: Episode I'. This was a sign of bigger
- () appearances in 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and 'Love Actually' cemented her star status.
- (**1**) Keira Knightley is an award-winning actress. She began her career as a child and became known internationally
- () while she was still in her teens. Today she is one of Hollywood's leading ladies and is in big
- () later she starred in 'Bend It Like Beckham', which really opened doors for her. Knightley's 2003
- () performance in 'Pride and Prejudice' in 2005. She received more glowing praise
- () being famous also has its downsides because the media constantly watch whatever you do and say.
- () demand. She is a down-to-earth woman at heart. She likes English football, going to her local pub, and British TV dramas.
- () Knightley was born in England in 1985. At school she had problems with
- () her mind on becoming an actress. She got her own talent agent when she was six. In the 1990s, she performed

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. as child began career a She her

2. one is she Today ladies leading Hollywood's of

3. - earth woman at heart She is a down - to

4. she and had spelling problems At with school reading

5. her on an set mind becoming actress

6. things a to sign come of This bigger was

7. role in Her starring came 2001 first

8. let go head not success her has her to Knightley

9. being downsides its has also famous

10. watch you the constantly whatever do media

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

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

THE KEIRA KNIGHTLEY SURVEY:

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

3. KEIRA KNIGHTLEY POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Keira Knightley. 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 Keira Knightley. 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 Keira Knightley. 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 "Keira Knightley expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.