

Teenaged Actor

Read the article and do the multiple choice.

ASHLEY TRENT

Ashley Trent, one of our most popular young actors, is now filming *College Rap*. He began having acting lessons six years ago and was in his first play at ten years old.

At fourteen, he immediately became well known, not for acting in the theater, but on TV: "That was fun!" he says. "I was in a fast-food advert with a cartoon clown, but filming *College Rap* is much harder work. I have to play baseball and sing in the film, which is fine, but I need to have dancing lessons too. When we finish filming each day, I don't go out with friends. I usually sit in the bath for an hour because my legs and arms hurt! But I'm enjoying myself because the three adult actors who are the teachers in *College Rap* are really good. They've filmed all over the world. They've taught me to remember my lines more quickly too. I needed half a day to learn five pages before, but now I only need a quarter of an hour."

Being well known is great but Ashley isn't interested in buying lots of expensive things or going out. "But I'm asked to do really interesting work now and that's wonderful," he says. "I don't get excited when I watch myself in films. I know I'm getting better, but I still need to improve!"

Well, Ashley, we think you're brilliant!

1 How old was Ashley when he first acted in a play?

A six B eight C ten

2 When Ashley was 14, he acted in a

A TV advertisement B theater play C cartoon film

3 In his latest film, Ashley has to learn to

A sing B dance C play baseball

4 What does Ashley often do after filming?

A He exercises
B He meets his friends
C He has a long bath

5 Ashley's having fun at the moment because he

A is not at school
B is travelling a lot
C is working with great actors

6 To remember five pages of lines, Ashley now needs

A 15 minutes B one hour C half a day

7 What does Ashley like about being famous?

A spending money
B getting interesting work
C being invited to wonderful parties

8 What does Ashley think when he sees himself in a film?

A He's not good enough yet!
B This is exciting!
C He looks ill!

