

WALT DISNEY



Match the following phrases from the article:

1. He has touched the	a. voice and personality
2. an innovative film	b. own animation company
3. He developed a great love of	c. on a pet mouse
4. fell in	d. name
5. he set up his	e. producer and animator
6. He developed a character based	f. entertainment empire
7. He gave the mouse his own	g. lives of millions of children
8. Walt Disney was a household	h. drawing as a youngster
9. an animated feature-length	i. love with it
10. Disney built up a global	j. version of Snow White

**Match the words from the article on the left with their
synonyms on the right.**

Paragraphs 1 and 2

1. famous	a. well-liked
2. holds	b. well-known
3. innovative	c. youth
4. youngster	d. started
5. set up	e. has
6. popular	f. cutting-edge

Paragraphs 3 and 4

7. based on	g. character
8. personality	h. edition
9. a household name	i. came after
10. version	j. centred around
11. followed	k. organization
12. empire	l. famous

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

Walt Disney was one of the most *famous / fame* people ever to have lived. He has touched the *living / lives* of millions of children and adults. He holds the record *for / by* winning the most Academy Awards (26) and was an innovative film producer and animator. He created some of the most successful characters, movies and theme parks *with / of* the 20th Century.

Disney was born in 1901 in Chicago. He developed a great *lover / love* of drawing as a *youngster / youngish*. When he was ten, he discovered the world of theatre and cinema and *fallen / fell* in love with it. He became the cartoonist for his high school newspaper. In 1920, he set *up / on* his own animation company and his "Laugh-O-Gram" cartoons became very popular.

Disney wanted *more / most* and so he moved to Hollywood. He developed a character based *in / on* a pet mouse he once had. He gave the mouse his own voice and personality. Disney's wife named him Mickey. Disney put Mickey in his first movie *by / with* sound, 'Steamboat Willie'. By 1930, Mickey Mouse was the world's most popular cartoon character and Walt Disney was a *household / house* name.

Following / Follows on from Mickey's success, Disney created characters such *was / as* Donald Duck, Goofy, and Pluto. He then produced an animated feature-length version of Snow White, which was the most successful movie of 1938. *Dozens / Dozen* more movies followed, including Fantasia and Bambi. Disney built up a global entertainment *colony / empire*, including his Disneyland theme park. He died of cancer in 1966.