

Reading

Text 1.

Where are the Harry Potter Stars now?

The actors who played the children in the Harry Potter movies are now adults. So how have their early experiences shaped their lives?

Daniel Radcliffe

Daniel Radcliffe, who played Harry Potter in the eight films, has recently been reading memes featuring him in his famous role and has only just realized that many people considered him cool. At the time, he felt as insecure as anyone that age. The English actor says that although he now has a successful acting career, he always finds the early Harry Potter movies difficult to watch because he admits he wasn't very good at acting. The young actors received coaching in singing and dancing on set, but never any acting training in all the time they were on set, so he feels his early films are very one-dimensional. It wasn't until he met actor Gary Oldman on set in Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban that he began to understand how to approach a role. Daniel says he never particularly wanted an acting career but fell into the job. In fact, in an early interview, Daniel told viewers that he wanted to be a professional wrestler!

Rupert Grint

Rupert Grint, who played Harry's friend Ron Weasley, found being a famous actor very isolating as a child and teenager. Being around adults so much, he felt very strange when returning to his peers to do exams, as he thought he had little in common with them. After filming the fourth film in the series, he even considered quitting the series, as it was "a bit of a drag". Rupert also found being well-known a big sacrifice and even scary. He was instantly recognizable whenever he went out, and people he didn't know took photos of him. The young actor says he disliked being known as Ron Weasley and nothing else. But he has got used to the attention, and, despite these negative aspects, says that the Harry Potter films were an amazing part of his life which he is proud to be a part of.

Emma Watson

Emma Watson, who played Hermione Granger in the series, always felt a great connection to her character, as both were perfect students and neither were very cool. She admits to having become rather obsessed with her character to the extent that she could not separate her own identity from hers. Watson feels that she has missed out on her own teenage years as she was "being Hermione" all that time. Since the series ended, Emma has been able to focus more on herself. She continued her studies, getting top grades, in case her acting career didn't work out, but has gone on to star in a number of films. No longer seeking blockbuster films, she chooses smaller, high-quality films

that mean something to her personally. She has also become a well-respected ambassador for women's rights. Despite her success, Emma has had to undergo a lot of therapy due to her fame. As a teenager, she often felt that her life as Hermione was so "big" that she lost her own identity. She also feels guilty for not enjoying the fame and attention that she has received. However, by focusing on her family and home life, she has managed to form an identity for herself beyond Hermione.

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1. _____ thought about leaving the Harry Potter series.
 - a. Daniel Radcliffe
 - b. Rupert Grint
 - c. Emma Watson
2. _____ felt that (s)he and his/her character had a lot in common.
 - a. Daniel Radcliffe
 - b. Rupert Grint
 - c. Emma Watson
3. _____ didn't feel fashionable while acting in the series.
 - a. Daniel Radcliffe
 - b. Rupert Grint
 - c. Emma Watson
4. As a teenager, _____ felt that other teens were different from him/her.
 - a. Daniel Radcliffe
 - b. Rupert Grint
 - c. Emma Watson
5. _____ felt ashamed because (s)he didn't like being famous.
 - a. Daniel Radcliffe
 - b. Rupert Grint
 - c. Emma Watson
6. _____ is embarrassed by his/her lack of talent as a young actor.
 - a. Daniel Radcliffe
 - b. Rupert Grint
 - c. Emma Watson

7. _____ felt that his/her character's personality took over his/her own.

- a. Daniel Radcliffe
- b. Rupert Grint
- c. Emma Watson

8. _____ considered education as important as acting.

- a. Daniel Radcliffe
- b. Rupert Grint
- c. Emma Watson

Text 2. Read the text about Glastonbury Festival and for questions 1 to 8, decide if the statements are true or false.

How to buy tickets for Glastonbury Festival

GLASTONBURY TICKET FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

HOW DO I BUY A GLASTONBURY TICKET?

Everyone aged 13 or over needs to be registered at glastonbury.seetickets.com. If you've been to the Festival before, it means that you are already registered. Go to glastonbury.seetickets.com at 9am (BST) on Sunday 7th October (tickets only). Tickets can be booked by paying a £50 deposit per person.

CAN I STILL REGISTER?

No, registration has now closed; it will reopen after the ticket sales.

I HAVE MORE THAN ONE REGISTRATION. IS THAT OK? WHICH ONE SHOULD I USE TO BOOK MY TICKET?

It's OK to have multiple registrations (even linked to the same email account); however, we recommend deleting old registrations that you don't use any longer. If you plan to book tickets for the Festival, please make sure that you are using a registration with your name and photo, and that the photo is recent and of passport standard.

You can request a list of all your registrations here (please note it isn't possible to edit or delete your registrations while registration is closed).

HOW MUCH WILL TICKETS COST?

Tickets cost £248 + £5 booking fee per person, with deposits of £50 per person that you pay when you book the ticket. Children aged 12 and under are admitted free of charge.

Your ticket balance (£198 + £5 booking fee) will be charged in the first week of April.

HOW MANY TICKETS CAN I BOOK?

You can book up to six tickets per transaction, providing you have the registration numbers for everyone for whom you are booking a ticket.

HOW CAN I PAY?

UK buyers may use either a UK registered debit card or UK registered credit card. International buyers must use a credit card (with a non-UK billing address).

Task 2.

1. You can buy a ticket for £50.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. You must be registered to buy a ticket.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. If you bought tickets in the past, you don't need to register to buy tickets now.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. You must use your passport photo for your registration.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. You cannot delete or edit your registrations now.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. Your twelve-year-old child doesn't need to pay for a ticket to go to the festival.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. You can buy tickets for people that are not registered.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. You cannot pay in cash.
 - a. True
 - b. False