

Read the following passage about *the performer Houdini*.

Harry Houdini (1874 to 1926) was a Hungarian-American **illusionist** and **stunt** performer noted for his **sensational** escape acts. He first attracted attention as "Harry Handcuff Houdini" on a tour of Europe, where he challenged police forces to keep him locked up. Soon he extended his repertoire to include chains, ropes slung from skyscrapers, straitjackets under water and having to hold his breath inside a sealed milk can.

In 1904, thousands watched as Houdini tried to escape from special handcuffs commissioned by London's Daily Mirror newspaper. Another stunt saw him buried alive and only just able to claw himself to the surface. While many suspected that these escapes were faked, Houdini presented himself as the **scourge** of fake magicians and spiritualists. As President of the Society of American Magicians, he was keen to uphold professional standards and expose **fraudulent** artists. He was also quick to sue anyone who **pirated** his stunts.

Are the following statements **TRUE**, **FALSE**, or **NOT GIVEN** in the text?

1. Houdini was more successful in Europe than in America.

Your answer:

2. Many people were skeptical about Houdini's escape acts.

Your answer:

3. He took legal action against those who tried to copy him.

Your answer:

Hoàn thành bảng từ vựng sau:

Sort elements

illusionist

stunt

sensational

scourge of somebody/ something

fraudulent

pirate something

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giật gân, gây cảm xúc, đã đời	
ăn cắp (bằng cách sao chép sản phẩm của người khác)	
pha nguy hiểm, mạo hiểm (để giải trí mọi người)	
kẻ trừng phạt, kẻ gây tai họa cho	
ảo thuật gia	