

Homework

Robert Pattinson

Robert Pattinson is famous for films such as *Twilight* and *The Batman* but he almost didn't become an actor.

Robert was born in London in 1986. When he was growing up, his main interest was music. He started learning the piano at the age of four and the guitar when he was five. As a teenager, he loved writing songs and he was in a band for a few years. Later, he performed alone in small concerts. He was thinking about becoming a musician.

At school, Robert's drama teacher didn't think he was a good actor but his dad asked Robert to join a theatre club. After a few years in the club, Robert got an important part in a play, *Our Town*. While he was performing, someone with an important job in the arts saw him. Soon, Robert was looking for professional acting jobs. When he was just 17, he got a part in one of the *Harry Potter* films.

Two years later, he went to Hollywood, US, and he got the main part in *Twilight*. The director saw over 3,000 actors, but he chose Robert. The film was very popular and at the age of 22, Robert became an international film star. He starred in four more *Twilight* films between 2008 and 2012. Together, the films made \$3.3 billion.

Robert didn't want to be in typical Hollywood films so after that he chose other films like *The King* and *Good Time*. However, he loved the idea of being Batman and he got the part. What's next for Robert? Who knows, but we can't wait!

Read the text and put the events (a–f) in the correct order from 1 to 6.

- ☐ a Robert got the main part in the first of a series of films.
 - ☐ b Robert got a part in the film *The Batman*.
 - ☐ c Robert started learning a musical instrument.
 - ☐ d Robert got a film role when he was a teenager.
 - ☐ e Robert didn't want to be in typical Hollywood films.
 - ☐ f Robert joined an acting group.
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Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 When he was a teenager, Robert ...
 - A wanted to start a band but couldn't.
 - B never performed in front of people.
 - C often wrote his own songs.
- 2 Robert joined a theatre group because ...
 - A his drama teacher thought it was a good idea.
 - B one of his parents asked him to.
 - C he knew he wanted to be an actor.
- 3 At the theatre group ...
 - A Robert got an important part immediately.
 - B Robert met someone with an important job in the arts.
 - C Robert had to wait a few years before appearing in *Our Town*.
- 4 What does the writer say about *Twilight*?
 - A Robert appeared in it a year after filming *Harry Potter*.
 - B The director saw many different actors before choosing Robert.
 - C The film wasn't very popular at first.
- 5 Robert ...
 - A starred in four *Twilight* films in total.
 - B got \$3.3 billion for starring in the *Twilight* films.
 - C starred in all five of the *Twilight* films.
- 6 After starring in the *Twilight* films ...
 - A Robert immediately got a part in *The Batman*.
 - B Robert thought about the type of film he wanted to be in.
 - C Robert starred in many typical Hollywood films.

Do you agree with this statement. Why/Why not?
Give three reasons.

'It is good that film stars get a lot of money for their
work.'
