

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.