

Read and listen to the following text.



Matt Damon was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the second son of Kent Telfer an agent, and Nancy Carlsson Paige, a children's teacher and professor at Lesley University. Matt has a brother who is a sculptor and artist. Today Matt Damon is one of Hollywood's most famous movie stars. But in the early 1990s he was struggling to be a success, and, over the years, life has not always been easy.

In 1996, he had to lose 40 pounds for his role as a drug-addicted soldier in *Courage under Fire*. While he was dieting, he became ill and had to take medication for several years afterwards. In 2000, he cracked a rib while he was playing golf in *The Legend of Bagger Vance*. Then, 12 years after losing weight for *Courage under Fire*, he had to gain 30 pounds to play a businessman in *"The Informant"*.

He began studying at Harvard University but he did not finish because he began his early work, his first film worked in the romantic comedy *"Mystic Pizza"* and he had worked in other movies as *"Geronimo: An American Legend"*. Along with Gene Hackman and Jason Patric, hoping that Hollywood would take notice of him. It didn't. It wasn't until he won an Oscar with his friend, Ben Affleck, for *"Good Will Hunting"*, in 1998 Hollywood began to show interest in him. The second came for his role in *"Invictus"*. After excellent performances in *"The Talented Mr. Ripley"*, *Saving Private Ryan*, and *Ocean's 11*, he was offered the lead role in 2002 as the assassin Jason Bourne in *The Bourne Identity*. From then on, his career moved in one direction only- upward.

Choose the correct answer according to the text.

1. Matt Damon grew up in...
 - a. Massachusetts
 - b. Lesley
 - c. Hollywood
2. When did this actor hurt a rib?
 - a. When he was acting
 - b. When he was practicing a sport
 - c. When he was studying English
4. His first performance was in:
 - a. Geronimo, An American Legend
 - b. Good will hunting.
 - c. Mystic Pizza
5. He, and _____ won the Oscar.
 - a. Gene Hackman
 - b. Jason Patric
 - c. Ben Affleck

3. Matt Damon got ill because of :
- He was doing a self-prescribed diet.
 - He was writing a film
 - He was hunting.

I. Circle the correct answer T (true) or F (false) according to the text.

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| 1. He lost a lot of weight to play a businessman | T | F |
| 2. He started acting while he was still a student. | T | F |
| 3. In 2000 he, won his first Oscar | T | F |
| 4. He Gained weight for his performance in "invictus". | T | F |
| 5. He was chosen for the lead role in "The Bourne Identity". | T | F |