READING

JAMES BOND



1. Read the texts (A–D) and match them with four of the headings.

1 The man who created James Bond
2 British action films
3 The actors who play Bond
4 The Bond books
5 What's James Bond like?

A British Spy

A

The British do not make many action films. They are more famous for historical dramas and, more recently, romantic comedies like *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. However, in 1962 a film called *Dr No* appeared. It was about an intelligence agent called James Bond and was an immediate success. There are now over twenty Bond films, and they are some of the most successful action films ever made.

B

Ian Fleming, the author of the James Bond books, was born in 1908, and went to Eton, one of the most expensive private schools in Britain. In the 1930s he worked as a journalist and a banker. But he wanted a more exciting life and in the Second World War he got a job in the British Intelligence Service. After the war Fleming returned to journalism, but in 1953 he started writing thrillers, using his wartime experience in the intelligence services. In all he wrote fourteen Bond books, selling millions of copies around the world. He died in 1964.

C

James Bond works for MI6, the international part of the British Intelligence Service. His other name is 007 (pronounced 'double-oh seven') In the books and early films, Bond is charming, drinks and smokes a lot, and has many affairs with women. In more recent films, he is more sensitive and less reckless, and the female characters play a bigger role in the stories. Bond is famous for the way he introduces himself: 'The name's Bond. James Bond.'

D

Six actors have played the part of Bond: Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig.

2. Find the following information in the text.

1. Four weddings and a Funeral is _____ _____.
2. The author of the James Bond books is _____.
3. He started writing thrillers in _____.
4. The first actor to play James Bond was _____.

3. True or False?

1. The British are famous for making action films. ____
2. Dr. No appeared in 1692. ____
3. Now there are 20 James Bond films. ____
5. Ian Fleming wrote 14 Bond books. ____
6. Ian Fleming went to Eaton school in 1908. ____
7. After the Second Wold War he worked as a journalist again. ____
8. He used his knowledge of the British Intelligence Service to write his books. ____

4. Choose the correct option.

1. James Bond is a/an

banker journalist intelligence agent

2. James Bond's other name is

M16 007 770

3. He is famous for the way he

works smokes introduces himself.

4. Pierce Brosnan was the _____ actor to play James Bond.

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