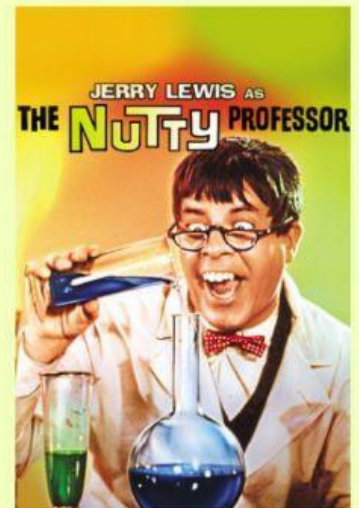


# The king of comedy

The famous comedian Jerry Lewis was born on March 16, 1926 in Newark, New Jersey, USA. His real name was Jerome Joseph Levitch but he took his last name from his actor-father's stage name. He is known for his slapstick humor, his youthful appearance and his voice changes: he also had a deep nasal voice with a unique "honking" timbre. At the beginning of his career he was teamed up with singer Dean Martin: in addition to the duo's popular nightclub work, they starred in a successful series of comedy films for Paramount Pictures from 1946-1956. In Italy, Lewis was also known with the nickname 'Picchiatello' (which means something like "nut" or "crazy"). Lewis won several awards for lifetime achievements and he had two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He was also known for his charity fund-raising telethons and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for his 50 years raising money to fight muscular dystrophy. In 2009, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded Lewis the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. He died on August 20, 2017, in Las Vegas.



Read the text then choose the right option. Are the sentences 1-8 T (true), F (false) or NG (not given)?

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| 1. Jerry Lewis was British.                          | T | F | NG |
| 2. "Jerry Lewis" was a stage name.                   | T | F | NG |
| 3. He had a particular voice.                        | T | F | NG |
| 4. He was very famous in France.                     | T | F | NG |
| 5. Dean Martin was his working partner for 10 years. | T | F | NG |
| 6. Lewis had a lot of health problems.               | T | F | NG |
| 7. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977.             | T | F | NG |
| 8. He was a humanitarian.                            | T | F | NG |