

SHRIMP THE BEST *Use of English*

Jim Carrey's humour is very [] his own brand. It is often slapstick, sometimes a bit tasteless, but always extremely funny. Carrey, who was born in Canada in 1962, believes that his sense of humour developed [] his teenage years. This was his way of dealing with a difficult period in his life, when his father had lost his job and Carrey junior had to earn money and study [] the same time.

Carrey first performed live when he was 15, at Yuk Yuks, a famous club in Toronto. Even [] he failed to make his audience laugh on this occasion, he kept working on his material and within four years became the club's top comedy act. He moved to Los Angeles to tour the clubs there and later starred regularly in an American TV show. One of the many characters he played was Fire Marshall Bill, who always went [] in smoke! Sadly, this character finally had to [] dropped because of complaints that his fire act might have a bad influence on children.

Carrey's first feature film was *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, one of his [] popular films ever. Another early film, *The Mask*, was the perfect vehicle [] his weird humour. Other films [] then have included *Batman Forever*, *The Truman Show* and *Yes Man*. His earnings are estimated at around \$20 million per film.

