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## PROFILE OF AN ACTOR

### Before you watch

**A** In your opinion, which are the most important traits an actor needs? Choose the top 10 traits from the list.

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> adventurous      | <input type="checkbox"/> expressive   | <input type="checkbox"/> organized      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> creative         | <input type="checkbox"/> good-looking | <input type="checkbox"/> passionate     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> curious          | <input type="checkbox"/> innovative   | <input type="checkbox"/> patient        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> determined       | <input type="checkbox"/> lucky        | <input type="checkbox"/> physically fit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> enjoys attention | <input type="checkbox"/> motivated    | <input type="checkbox"/> a strong voice |

**B Pair work** Compare your answers. For each trait, discuss why or why not an actor would need that trait.

### While you watch

**A** Choose the topics the actor mentions in the video.

- ☐ 1. when he first knew he wanted to be an actor
- ☐ 2. what working as a child actor is like
- ☐ 3. what the schedule of an actor is like
- ☐ 4. how to deal with the audition process
- ☐ 5. how to handle tough competition
- ☐ 6. the top school for acting training
- ☐ 7. which kinds of acting work pay better
- ☐ 8. his least favorite acting job
- ☐ 9. the best costume he ever wore
- ☐ 10. his favorite acting job
- ☐ 11. what is best about being an actor
- ☐ 12. traits that an actor should have
- ☐ 13. how long an actor's career usually is
- ☐ 14. how many fans he has



**B** Complete the sentences with the correct words from the video.

1. "I needed an outlet . . . to have . . . to put out my \_\_\_\_\_ side."
2. "To become an actor, you have to have \_\_\_\_\_ for the work."
3. "You have to be really \_\_\_\_\_ to get yourself up . . . every day, to get out there every day, and . . . give it your all."
4. "To be an actor . . . you have to have a strong sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and a lot of \_\_\_\_\_."
5. "Someone who has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ would be a good actor."
6. "Someone who has a really \_\_\_\_\_ would be a great actor."
7. "Someone who enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ would be a great actor."

**C** Choose the correct answers according to the information in the video.

1. The actor decided what he wanted to do for the rest of his life while performing \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. at an amusement park      b. for the Cub Scouts      c. at the Boston Common
2. The real work of acting is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. dealing with auditions      b. performing in theaters      c. staying motivated
3. Because it pays more, \_\_\_\_\_ is a better way to support an acting career.  
a. theater work      b. film work      c. amusement park work
4. The actor really enjoyed a job where he \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. was a comedian in Boston      b. did a Shakespeare play      c. worked on a big film
5. Patience is required to be an actor because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. it's a hard lifestyle      b. it takes a long time to develop job security      c. it takes a while before it is fun
6. The actor thinks he will always be an actor because he \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. feels he is determined and passionate      b. wants to show his family he can be successful      c. can't see himself doing anything else