# 8 PROFILE OF AN ACTOR

## Before you watch

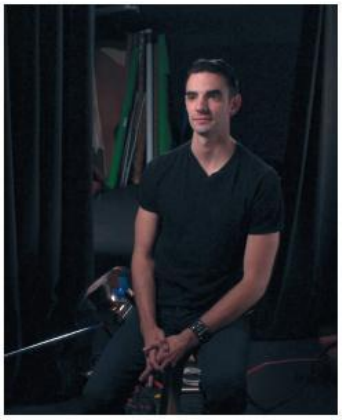
**A** In your opinion, which are the most important traits an actor needs? Choose the top 10 traits from the list.

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| ☐ adventurous | ☐ expressive | ☐ organized |
| ☐ creative | ☐ good-looking | ☐ passionate |
| ☐ curious | ☐ innovative | ☐ patient |
| ☐ determined | ☐ lucky | ☐ physically fit |
| ☐ enjoys attention | ☐ motivated | ☐ 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."


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**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

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