Hogwarts' Bad Boy



Millions of Potter fans remember Draco Malfoy, with his blonde hair and his dark magic, as the evil young wizard who tried to defeat Harry and his friends at Hogwarts School.

Tom Felton was born in Epsom, a town in Surrey in England in 1987 and started working in TV advertising when he was only 8. He moved to films at 10 and then, already an experienced actor, he auditioned for the part of Harry Potter when he was 12 years old. As you know, he got the part of his enemy instead. As Draco (the name Draco means "dragon" in Latin) he spent 10 years working on the films from J.K. Rowling's bestselling novels. He won numerous awards for his role, including the MTV award for best bad guy twice. His favourite moment came in "The Chamber of Secrets" when he fought Harry in a duelling scene.

Today Tom is still enjoying his career as an actor. A few years ago he starred in some horror films, a sci-fi called "The Rise of Planet of the Apes", and now he is doing lots of television work. It is very different from working on films, he says. He's also enjoying writing songs and singing. He always wanted to do this.

He can also go on holiday now and not worry about a suntan! When he was a Hogwarts' wizard he had to make sure his skin stayed pure white and he had to dye his hair and eyebrows at least once a week to keep the Draco look. Unfortunately, Tom never had much fun on holiday! But he has lot of free time now and loves spending it outdoors. When he's not walking his dog, Timber, he's usually playing golf or fishing.

He admits that being famous, and especially rich, is not always easy. He earned about £3 million doing the Harry Potter films but he wasted a lot of money on expensive cars and got into a lot of debt too. He admits he was too young to deal with all that money. Money wasn't the only problem he had. Between films he returned to his local comprehensive school to study and often had problems with bullies and jealousy from other students. Finally, he thinks that fame and fortune can't compensate for a lost childhood.

Are the sentences True (T), false (F) or Not Given (NG)?

Tom Felton started acting in TV adverts.	T	F	NG
He auditioned for the part of the protagonist in Harry Potter films.	T	F	NG
The name "Draco" comes from a Latin word.	T	F	NG
He enjoyed the duelling scene in *The Chamber of Secrets*.	T	F	NG
Tom Felton now prefers writing books to acting in TV series.	T	F	NG
He is very good at singing rock songs.	T	F	NG
He often goes skiing when he is on holiday.	T	F	NG
Tom believes that being famous was worth losing his childhood.	T	F	NG

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Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence.

Tom Felton first auditioned for the role of Harry Potter when he was...

A. 10 years old.
C. a child.
B. a young adult.
D. 8 years old.



After the Harry Potter series, Tom acted in...

A. musicals and comedies.
C. detective and crime series.
B. horror and science fiction films.
D. only romantic films.

In the Harry Potter years, he had to avoid the sun because...

A. he sunburned easily.
C. his skin would turn black.
B. he liked his natural skin colour.
D. his character needed pale skin.

He had problems with other students at school because...

A. he wasn't very good at studying.
C. he was a bully.
B. they were jealous of his fame.
D. his teachers were too strict.

Answer the questions with a full sentence in your notebook.

1. Where was Tom Felton born?
2. When did his career as an actor start?
3. How long did he work on the films of the Harry Potter saga?
4. What did he have to do to keep the Draco look?
5. What does Felton like doing in his free time?
6. How much did he earn for acting in the famous saga?
7. Do you like fantasy films? What's your favourite film genre?
8. Would you like to be famous? Why/Why not?



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