

CAE – Tenses Revision

Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the **past simple**, **past continuous**, **past perfect** or **past perfect continuous**.

Known principally as an actor, Reeve (1) _____ (have) many other talents and interests, including directing, which he (2) _____ (do) for some years at the time of his death in 2004.

Born in September 1952, Reeve was heavily influenced through his life by his novelist and poet father, F D Reeve. As a child he (3) _____ (begin) acting stories with his little brother, and by the age of eight he (4) _____ (already / appear) in several school plays.

He studied music and English at Cornell University, and while he (5) _____ (study) in his final year, he was accepted into the renowned Juilliard School of the Performing Arts. He (6) _____ (perform) both in film and on the stage for a few years when he (7) _____ (accept) the part for which he is most remembered, Superman, in 1978.

Always active and a keen sportsman, Reeve (8) _____ (do) all his own stunts. In sports terms, his interests focused on horse-riding, and he (9) _____ (compete) in events for a few years when, in 1995, he was thrown from his horse and broke his neck. From a man who (10) _____ (be) at the peak of his powers, he was

now paralysed from the neck down. Perhaps because he (11) _____ (be) so active, he was determined to continue making something of his life, and despite severe injuries, he (12) _____ (continue) to act and he started directing.