

Grammar & Reading Ex. > Past Simple – The Child Star

A. Read a short biography about Shirley Temple Black, a famous young American actress. Fill in the blanks using the past forms of the verbs in the box.

act | retire | study | work | be | can | ~~be~~ | go | become | change | make



When Shirley Temple Black (1) was only three years old, she (2) _____ a famous movie star. She was talented and (3) _____ act, sing, and dance very well. She loved acting and (4) _____ in over 50 films. The public really liked her and her films. Shirley (5) _____ hard for 20th Century Fox, a Hollywood film company, where she (6) _____ three or four films every year.

At the beginning of her career, she did not go to school, so she (7) _____ at the film studios. At the age of 12, she finally started going to school with other children. She was a good student and then (8) _____ to a college. However, her films (9) _____ not so popular because she was not a little girl anymore. When Shirley was 20, she (10) _____ from the film industry and (11) _____ her career from actress to politician.



B. Based on the previous text, answer the questions below.

1. At what age did she start working as an actress? _____.
2. How many films did she participate in annually? _____.
3. Where did she study before being 12? _____.
4. Why did she stop acting? _____.
5. When did she stop acting? _____.
6. What did she do after that decision? _____.



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