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



At the beginning of her career, she did not go to school, so she (6) _____ 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 (7) _____ to a college. However, her films (8) _____ not so popular because she was not a little girl anymore. When Shirley was 20, she (9) _____ from the film industry and (10) _____ 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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