

# Reading

# Biography

A. Read the article again, then choose the meaning of each word or phrase.

1- When you make a breakthrough, you experience a sudden

2- When something is creepy, it gives you a feeling of

3- A whirlwind describes something that happens

4- When Kidman threw herself into her work, she

5- When something is fleeting, it last a

## Nicole Kidman: New Hollywood Royalty

Scan the article. Where was Nicole Kidman born? Where was she married? When did she win an Academy Award?

**A**ctress Nicole Kidman was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1967. Her father, an Australian, was a student in Hawaii at the time. When she was 4, the family returned to Australia, and Kidman grew up in a suburb of Sydney. Kidman became interested in acting early on. Her first experience came when she was 6 years old and she played a sheep in her school's Christmas pageant. She trained in drama and dance through her teen years. She got a couple of TV parts before she made her breakthrough: In 1985, the Australian Film Institute named her Actress of the Year for her role in the TV miniseries *Vietnam*. She was only 17.

In 1989, Kidman appeared in the creepy thriller *Dead Calm*. This performance earned her the lead role in her first American movie, *Days of Thunder*. Her costar was Tom Cruise. Following a whirlwind romance, Kidman and Cruise were married in Colorado on Christmas Eve, 1990.

During the marriage, Kidman's career continued to grow. She and Cruise adopted two children,

and they worked hard to balance their careers and family life.

Unfortunately, the marriage didn't last. Kidman and Cruise divorced in 2001. After the divorce, Kidman threw herself into her work. She

starred in a number of high-profile movies, including the musical *Moulin Rouge*. Then, in 2003, she won both an Academy Award and a Golden Globe for her role as Virginia Woolf in the film *The Hours*.

And what does she think of her fame? "It's a fleeting moment," she has said. "How long will it last? Who knows? But it's here and it's now."



One of the most fascinating actresses of our time

B. Number these sentences from 1 (first event) to 10 (last event).

a. She divorced Tom Cruise.

b. She had her first acting experience.

c. She won an Academy Award.

d. She moved to Australia.

e. She made her first American movie

f. She won her first award

g. She adopted two children

h. She was born in Hawaii

i. She studied drama and dance.

j. She married Tom Cruise

