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### Elementary

#### 1 Warmer

Put these types of films in order from 1 (the one you like best) to 6 (the one you like least).

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|----------|--------------------|
| 1. _____ | a. crime films     |
| 2. _____ | b. spy films       |
| 3. _____ | c. adventure films |
| 4. _____ | d. romantic films  |
| 5. _____ | e. comedies        |
| 6. _____ | f. sci-fi films    |

#### 2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

secret agent

navy

complain

role

milkman

retire

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is the character an actor plays in a film. (para 1)
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ works for a government and finds out what other governments are doing. (para 1)
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ delivers milk to people's homes. (para 2)
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the part of a country's armed forces that can fight at sea. (para 2)
5. When people \_\_\_\_\_, they stop working, especially if they are too old to work. (para 5)
6. When people \_\_\_\_\_, they say they are not satisfied with something. (para 5)

#### 3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. Where was Sean Connery born?
2. How old was he when he left school?
3. How long did he spend in the navy?
4. When did he act in a film for the first time?
5. How many James Bond films was he in?
6. How old was he when he retired?

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- 1 The actor Sean Connery has died at the age of 90. He was the first actor to play the role of British secret agent 007 James Bond in films. He was ill for several years and died at his home in Nassau in the Bahamas.
- 2 Connery was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1930. His mother was a cleaner, and his father worked in a factory. Connery left school at the age of 13 (it was possible at that time) and worked for some time as a milkman. Then he joined the British navy when he was 16. After three years in the navy, he did several different manual jobs. Then he moved to London and found work as a theatre actor in 1953. He acted in a film for the first time in 1957, when he played the role of a gangster.
- 3 During the next five years, Connery was in several films and television series but did not have any big roles. This changed in 1962 when he played the role of James Bond in the first Bond film, which was called *Dr No*. He acted in six more Bond films, including *Goldfinger* and *You Only Live Twice*. He made his final James Bond film, *Never Say Never Again*, in 1983.
- 4 Apart from James Bond, Connery also acted in some other films, including *The Name of the Rose* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, when he played the role of Indiana Jones's father. In 1987, he won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for his role in the film *The Untouchables*.
- 5 Connery retired from acting in 2006 at the age of 76 because, he complained, there are "idiots now making films in Hollywood". He spent his final years in the Bahamas, where he died on 31 October, 2020.

#### 4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings and endings to make statements about the text.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Sean Connery did several different manual jobs ... | a. ... was in the film <i>Never Say Never Again</i> in 1983.                          |
| 2. Connery first played the role of James Bond ...    | b. ... Connery was also in several other well-known films.                            |
| 3. He won an Oscar for playing the role of ...        | c. ... he died at his home in the Bahamas.  |
| 4. His final time as James Bond ...                   | d. ... before he found work as an actor.  |
| 5. Apart from acting in seven James Bond films, ...   | e. ... Indiana Jones's father in the film <i>Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade</i> . |
| 6. After being ill for some time, on 31 October, ...  | f. ... in the film <i>Dr No</i> in 1962.  |

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#### 5 Chunks

Rearrange the words to make phrases from the text.

1. five the during years next
2. age the thirteen of at
3. navy in after years the three
4. acted films in also other some
5. possible time it that was at
6. jobs different several manual

#### 6 Two-word phrases

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

- |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| 1. secret     | a. actor  |
| 2. television | b. years  |
| 3. supporting | c. agent  |
| 4. big        | d. job    |
| 5. final      | e. role   |
| 6. manual     | f. series |

#### 7 Prepositions

Complete the phrases from the text using these prepositions.

for                      to                      at                      on                      from                      for

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 90
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the first time
3. he retired \_\_\_\_\_ acting
4. \_\_\_\_\_ some time
5. he died \_\_\_\_\_ 31 October
6. he moved \_\_\_\_\_ London

#### 8 Discussion

- **Who is the best actor in the world, do you think?**
  - o What films has he/she acted in?
  - o Why is he or she so good?
  - o What country is he/she from?
  - o What do you know about his/her life?