

# Jackie Chan



## Pre-Reading

### A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Who is the person in the picture?
2. What country is this person from?
3. Why is this person famous?

### B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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|--------------|-----------------|---|
| _____        | 1. daredevil    | a) an occurrence that makes it easier for someone to achieve a goal |
| _____        | 2. stunt        | b) a dangerous act that amazes viewers                              |
| _____        | 3. energy       | c) the ability and strength to move around a lot without tiring     |
| _____        | 4. martial arts | d) a type of self-defense, such as karate or tae kwon do            |
| _____        | 5. acrobatics   | e) a person who performs dangerous stunts                           |
| <u>  a  </u> | 6. lucky break  | f) a strong interest and love for something                         |
| _____        | 7. combine      | g) to express amazement or fear by taking a large breath            |
| _____        | 8. passion      | h) to mix or join two or more things                                |
| _____        | 9. sequel       | i) a skill that involves jumping, bending, and spinning; gymnastics |
| <u>  g  </u> | 10. gasp        | j) a story, film, or book that comes after the first one            |

# Reading

## ABOUT JACKIE CHAN

- Jackie Chan is more than just a movie star. He is a comedian, a singer, and a **daredevil**. Unlike most actors, Jackie Chan does all of his own **stunts**.
- Jackie Chan was born in Hong Kong in 1954. He wasn't a great student, but he was full of **energy**. His parents sent him to circus school. Instead of math and science, he studied **martial arts, acrobatics**, and drama.
- In the 1970s, Jackie Chan did stunts in a few Bruce Lee films. When Bruce Lee died, Jackie Chan got his **lucky break**.
- Jackie Chan didn't want to be the next Bruce Lee. He wanted to **combine** his two **passions**: comedy and action. Jackie Chan followed his dreams and became an international star.
- Some of Jackie Chan's successful films are *Police Story*, *Rumble in the Bronx*, and *Rush Hour*. These movies and their **sequels** make audiences laugh and **gasp** at the same time.



# Writing

## ABOUT ME

Finish the *About Me* sentences. Use your own personal information.

- Jackie Chan was born in Hong Kong.

*I was* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Jackie Chan is unlike other actors. He does all his own stunts.

*I am unlike other people. I* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Jackie Chan's passions are comedy and action.

*My passions are* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Jackie Chan's successful films include *Police Story*, *Rumble in the Bronx*, and *Rush Hour*.

*My favorite films include* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Comprehension

## A. True or False?

Read the statements below.

If the statement is true, write T beside the sentence.

If it is false, write F and correct the information in your notebook.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan work together on many films.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jackie Chan was a very energetic child.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. *Rush Hour* was Chan's lucky break.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Two of Jackie Chan's passions are comedy and action.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jackie Chan is only famous in Asia.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Jackie Chan usually uses a stunt double.

### Fun Expression

**full of beans:**

to act silly and  
have a lot of energy

- I love watching interviews with Jackie Chan. He is always full of beans.

## B. Forming Questions

Work with a partner. Here are the answers. What are the questions?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Jackie Chan went to circus school as a child.

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

He learned martial arts and acrobatics at circus school.

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Jackie Chan got his lucky break when Bruce Lee died.

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Vocabulary Review

Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Kindergarten children are full of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) energized  
b) energetic  
c) energy
2. I am \_\_\_\_\_ about martial arts.  
a) passion  
b) passionate  
c) passions
3. My nephew is an \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) acrobatic  
b) acrobatics  
c) acrobat
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ when the cat fell from the tree.  
a) gasp  
b) gasps  
c) gasped
5. She got her lucky \_\_\_\_\_ when she moved to the US.  
a) breaking  
b) break  
c) break in
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ you to jump in the pool.  
a) daring  
b) daredevil  
c) dare

## Speaking Practice

### OUCH! WHAT HAPPENED?

Jackie Chan is a daredevil. He does all of his own stunts and hurts himself a lot on movie sets. One time Jackie Chan **broke his nose**. Another time he **sprained his wrist**. He even **fractured his skull**.

#### A. My Injuries

Write down some of your own injuries from over the years. Use the verbs below to write your sentences.

Ex. I (past tense verb) my (body part).

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Past Tense Verbs: Injuries

- broke                      • hurt                      • fractured                      • pulled
- sprained                      • cut                      • scraped                      • injured

#### B. Comparing

Now chat with a partner and compare your injuries. Tell each other what happened. Use a dictionary or ask your teacher for help with vocabulary.

A: I broke my leg.

B: Ouch! What happened?

A: I fell off my bike.

# Listening

## A. Gap Fill

Listen to a recording of this reading.  
Fill in the gaps. Listen again and check your answers.

(Audio: <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2015/08/26/podcast-jackie-chan/>)

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## B. Extra Practice

Do you want more listening practice? After you fill in the gaps in Part A, listen to the recording a few more times. Underline all of the common nouns. A common noun does not name a specific person or place. Common nouns are not capitalized.