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## READING

# Introducing ... Dwayne Johnson!

### Vocabulary Preview

- **Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.**

- |                  |          |   |
|------------------|----------|---|
| 1. nickname      | <u>E</u> | A. a person who is allowed to live in a certain country |
| 2. citizen       | _____    | B. to be or go around someone or something              |
| 3. wrestler      | _____    | C. a measurement of weight (kg)                         |
| 4. arrest (v.)   | _____    | D. very smart   |
| 5. centimeter    | _____    | E. a name (not a real name) given to a person           |
| 6. kilogram      | _____    | F. to catch a person and take them to a police station  |
| 7. surround (v.) | _____    | G. a measurement of length or height (cm)               |
| 8. brilliant     | _____    | H. an athlete who fights another person                 |

- **Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.**

1. My classmate is French. She is a citizen of France.
2. I am tall, about 182 \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The police are looking for that man. They want to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
4. Water \_\_\_\_\_ an island on all sides.
5. Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking were \_\_\_\_\_ people.
6. My real name is Richard, but my \_\_\_\_\_ is Rick.
7. I weigh about 75 \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I love to follow sports athletes on TV, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.**

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

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

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Topics: Introductions / Famous People

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If you like to watch Hollywood movies (I do!), especially action movies, then you probably already know the face of Dwayne Johnson. You might also know that he's American, and that his **nickname**<sup>1</sup> is "the Rock". However, you might not know that he is also a Canadian **citizen**<sup>2</sup>. Here are a few more things that you might not know about this man.

He was born in 1972, in a small city called Hayward (near San Francisco) in California. Because Dwayne's father was a **wrestler**<sup>3</sup>, Dwayne often travelled with his family (parents, brother and sister) and lived in many other cities when he was young. He even lived in New Zealand for a short while. Moving around so much was difficult for Dwayne because it was not very easy for him to make many friends. He was often angry and fought with other people, and so the police **arrested**<sup>4</sup> him several times. However, things started to change when he was in high school, when he started to play football. Dwayne really liked to play football, so he became happier, he made more friends, his grades got better, and he later played football in college. In college, he was already big: he was 193 **centimeters**<sup>5</sup> tall, and he weighed 113 **kilograms**<sup>6</sup>, and so after college he became a wrestler (like his father and grandfather). Many people say that he was one of the best wrestlers in the world. Dwayne was happy as a wrestler, but he wanted to try something new. That's when he decided to try acting, and in 2002 he starred in a big Hollywood movie called *The Scorpion King*. The movie was very popular and Dwayne went on to make many more movies that are loved by people all around the world.

Dwayne Johnson has had many jobs, but he says that, "being a father is the greatest job that I have ever had." He has three children and now lives in Florida. What is Dwayne's advice on how to be successful? He says, "**Surround**<sup>7</sup> yourself with **brilliant**<sup>8</sup> people. And go to work!"



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### How Much Do You Understand?

● **Complete the statements.**

- |                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Dwayne Johnson is a          | A. in 1972 near San Francisco.      |
| 2. He was born                  | B. in high school and college.      |
| 3. In school, the police        | C. is the best job he has ever had. |
| 4. He later played football     | D. wrestler, and then an actor.     |
| 5. After college, he became a   | E. very popular actor.              |
| 6. Dwayne thinks being a father | F. arrested him for fighting.       |

### Discuss

● **Discuss the following questions with your classmates.**

1. Do you have a nickname? If 'yes', what is it? Do you like your nickname?  
If 'no', would you like a nickname? What?
2. What activities do you enjoy doing in school (or college)?
3. Can you think of more advice about how to be successful? What?

### Write

● **Write three pieces of advice about how to improve your English.**

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



**Lesson "Introducing ... Dwayne Johnson!"**

**Grammar Focus** Mixed: Present Simple, Past Simple, Present Perfect

**Vocabulary** 344 words  
**A1** words-76% / **A2** words-13% / **B1** words-2% / **B2** words-1%

**AWL Words** in this text: *grades, jobs*

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**Level** Elementary – Intermediate (CEFR A2 – B1)



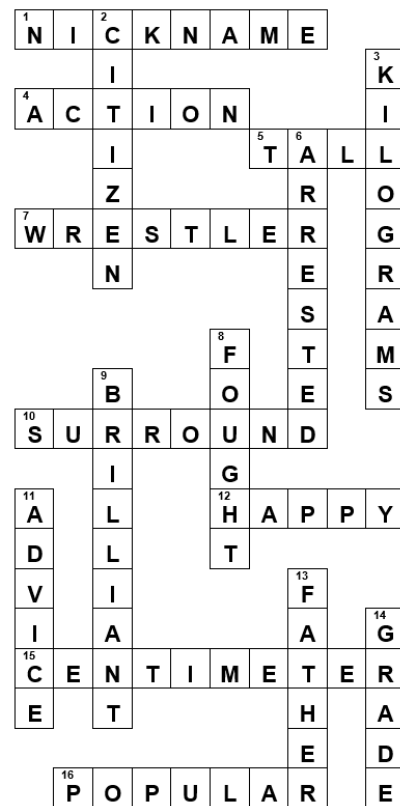
**ANSWER KEY Page 1**

● **Vocabulary**

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|------|-------------------------|
| 1. E | 1. citizen              |
| 2. A | 2. centimeters <b>s</b> |
| 3. H | 3. arrest               |
| 4. F | 4. surrounds <b>s</b>   |
| 5. G | 5. brilliant            |
| 6. C | 6. nickname             |
| 7. B | 7. kilograms <b>s</b>   |
| 8. D | 8. wrestlers <b>s</b>   |

**ANSWER KEY Page 3**

● **Vocabulary & Spelling**



**ANSWER KEY Page 4**

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

- Dwayne Johnson is a very popular actor.
- He was born in 1972 near San Francisco.
- In school, the police arrested him for fighting.
- He later played football in high school and college.
- After college, he became a wrestler, and then an actor.
- Dwayne thinks being a father is the best job he has ever had.

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