

1 READING Young in Hollywood

Hollywood is the home of the TV and film industry, so it's also the home of many actors. This article looks at one young actor trying to work and live there.

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It's hard to be an actor, and it's even harder to be a young actor in Hollywood.

We talked to Sarah Hinchcliff, 23.

Hollywood must be a difficult place to start acting. Why did you decide to go there?

I was always interested in Los Angeles. I guess because I come from a small town in California, the idea of a big city was very exciting to me. I've loved acting since I was in school, and I knew that I wanted to do that with my life. And I wanted to stay in California, so Hollywood was the place to go.

You went to acting school in Hollywood. What was that like?

It was hard work, but it was amazing. I was so busy all the time – learning new songs, new scenes, and acting every single day. There were no free days. I think the only reason I did well was because I really love acting. A lot of people in my classes couldn't deal with all the work and they left. But it was amazing to know other people who were just as serious about acting as myself. I learned so much. I really miss acting school¹ now because I don't get the chance to act every day any more!

So now you're finished with acting school and you're living in Hollywood. Has it been hard to find work?

There have been some good times and bad times. I believe in the phrase "dreams don't work unless you do". So I just keep trying. You have to work really hard and not be scared of hearing the word "no".

What sort of work have you done so far?

I've had the chance to act in lots of short films, student films and other projects, and I've been in some TV adverts for other countries. At the moment I'm working in a few casting offices that find actors for TV adverts. That's my "day job".



What are your plans for the future?

I will stay with acting. I can't imagine my life without it. I'd been lucky and got an agent who will represent me, so I hope some doors will open for me. My next plan is to get a role in a TV series.

What tip would you give to young people who want to do what you're doing?

Don't be afraid. If someone tells you "no", don't think that you're not good enough. Work hard and believe in yourself! You'll hear 20 no's before you get one yes. But that one yes could make the difference!

¹ acting school = *Schauspielschule*

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a) Read the interview. Then read the sentences and tick (✓) the right phrase.

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1 Sarah went to Los Angeles because she ...

- a) wanted to see movie stars.
- b) didn't know where else to go.
- c) wanted to live in a big city.

4 Sarah had been ...

- a) in short films and TV adverts.
- b) only in student films.
- c) in a few TV shows.

2 At acting school in Hollywood, Sarah ...

- a) did lots of different things.
- b) couldn't deal with all the work.
- c) loved having lots of free time.

5 For the future, Sarah's plans are to ...

- a) stop acting.
- b) get more acting jobs.
- c) watch more TV.

3 Finding work in Hollywood ...

- a) is easy – you always have a good time.
- b) can be really hard.
- c) is like a scary dream.

6 Sarah's tip to young people is ...

- a) don't worry if you are not good enough.
- b) work hard and you'll never hear "no".
- c) work hard and believe in yourself.

b) Now scan the interview to answer the questions. Write **full** sentences.

Tipp: Achte auf die Zeitform, in der die Frage geschrieben ist.

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1 Why did Sarah find the idea of living in a big city exciting?

2 Why does Sarah miss acting school?

3 What TV adverts has Sarah been in?

4 Why did Sarah do well at acting school?

c) Understanding new words: find out what these words from the interview mean in German. _____ / 5

1 actor

2 project

3 casting office

4 agent

5 role

2 MEDIATION Hiking the clever way!

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Während eines Aufenthalts im Westen der USA verbringst du mit deiner Familie auch zwei Tage im Grand Canyon. Obwohl es sehr heiß ist, möchtet ihr gerne eine Wanderung im Canyon unternehmen. Deine Mutter ist wegen der Hitze etwas besorgt. Hilf ihr, die Tipps zu verstehen.

Hiking the clever way!

Go hiking during the cooler parts of the day
and drink lots of water.
Go slowly and take a few breaks.

Mutter: Wann sollte man am Tag wandern? (1 P)

Du: _____

Mutter: Was sollte man trinken? (1 P)

Du: _____

Mutter: Und was bedeutet der letzte Satz? (2 P)

Du: _____

Looking for water?

You get free water at bottle filling stations in the National Park Visitor Centers.
If you need a new water bottle, you can also buy one in the centers.

Mutter: Was können wir machen, wenn unsere Flaschen leer sind? (1 P)

Du: _____

Mutter: Wir sollten alle eine eigene Flasche haben. Gibt es im Park welche zu kaufen? (1 P)

Du: _____

3 WORDS Which word is it?

a) There's one word that doesn't fit. Find it and write it down.

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1 climbing – hiking – wedding – diving _____

2 ocean – valley – river – sea _____

3 B&B – hostel – prison – motel _____

4 highway – street – parade – road _____

5 bear – alligator – sea lion – whale _____

6 apple – strawberry – cherry – onion _____

b) The fourth word is missing. Write it down.

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1 king – queen prince – _____

2 mouth – taste nose – _____

3 film – movie motorway – _____

4 WORDS The missing verb

Which verb fits? Read the phrases and choose the right verb from the box.
There is one more verb than you need in the box.

become • earn • explore • laugh • respect • ride

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5 LANGUAGE Now and then

a) Read the sentences and fill in **was** or **were**.

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- 1 Cell phones _____ used by some people in the 1990s.
- 2 San Francisco _____ hit by a big earthquake in 1989.
- 3 The people who looked for gold in California _____ called the forty-niners.
- 4 Many years ago, rubbish _____ thrown into rivers.

b) Read the sentences and fill in **is** or **are**.

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- 1 Today an email _____ sent easily from computers and cell phones.
- 2 Now students _____ taught what to do when there is an earthquake.
- 3 Los Angeles _____ known as L.A. by lots of people.
- 4 Everybody knows that rubbish _____ put into rubbish bins.

6 LANGUAGE Amazing facts about the USA

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Read the sentences and complete them with the right verb from the box

bought • eaten • found • given • made • opened

- 1 The Statue of Liberty was _____ to the USA by the French in 1884.
- 2 Alaska was _____ from Russia for \$7.2 million in 1867.
- 3 The first national park was _____ in 1872.
- 4 22 million chickens were _____ last year.
- 5 The first film in Hollywood was _____ in 1911.
- 6 In 1849 gold was _____ in California.

Pick the irregular verbs from the box and write down the 3 forms and the German meaning.

1. buy _____ kaufen
2. _____