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前言

《In the Spotlight 传奇聚焦》是由青岛出版社和麦格劳-希尔教育（亚洲）出版公司共同合作奉献给广大英语学习爱好者的精品读物。本套丛书共有八辑，每辑精选了九位当今明星级成功人士的传奇故事。他们当中有影视明星，有运动健将，也有作家或者音乐家。他们有的在成长过程中生活窘迫，但是通过不懈的努力，最终获得了成功；有的专注于实现自己的梦想，不理睬别人的诋毁和嘲笑；有的在功成名就之后依然会经受种种挑战。这些名人的成功历程将带给你超越语言学习的更多人生感悟和启示。

本套丛书将美国的阅读学习方法原汁原味地呈献给中国的英语学习爱好者。不要担心你看不懂文中的一些生词或句子，多读几遍，只要你按照书中的阅读技巧提示和训练坚持不懈地逐本书读下去，你一定会看到惊喜的变化！英语阅读水平的提高并不是本套丛书带领你学习的惟一目标，启迪思考、活跃思维、激发讨论才能让你真正会学习，并一生受益无穷！

第5辑重点介绍以下三种阅读技能：

**Asking Questions to Check
Comprehension**

自我提问以检查理解程度

Fact and Opinion

事实与观点

Drawing Conclusions

得出结论

书中还附有其他阅读技巧和词汇提示，能帮助你理解和思考所读到的内容。每篇文章后面附有精心设计的练习题，通过各部分的测评分值可以让你更有针对性地提高阅读能力。

无论你追星与否，书中一定有几颗星星曾经照亮过你追梦的旅途。透过文章中朴实的文字了解这些名人成名前的真实经历，撩开辉煌的面纱看清颗颗巨星原本平凡如你我，从他们的励志故事中汲取营养，将漫天闪烁的星辉化作自己追梦旅途中的明灯吧，努力去做最好的自己！

如何使用本书

关于本书

本书共包含三个单元，每个单元有三课，每课中有一篇关于某位名人的文章，之后是相关练习题。

认真完成每一课

Photo 照片 每一课开始时，请先看照片。读一读题目和副标题，了解这篇文章主要谈论的内容。

Think About What You Know 思维链接、Word Power 单词加油站、Reading Skill 阅读技巧点拨 这几部分将帮助你做好阅读准备。

Article 文章 现在就开始阅读名人故事吧！祝你阅读愉快！

Activities 练习 完成所有的练习，然后进行检查。根据书后的参考答案，记录下你在每部分练习中答对的题目数量。在课文结尾处，把A、B和C三个练习部分的总分相加，然后在表格中查出相对应的百分比分数。在第84页的理解力和评判性思维进度图表（Comprehension and Critical Thinking Progress Graph）中记下你的百分比分数。

Compare and Contrast Chart 比较和对照表 在每个单元最后，你要填写一个比较和对照表。这个表会让你清楚地了解该单元中出现的一些名人具有的共同特质。

Notes 注释 在本书末尾选取了每一课中出现的一些难点词汇、短语或句子作了附注，有助于你加深理解文章内容，学习更多的语言表达。

My Personal Dictionary 我的词典 你可以把想要进一步了解的单词记录在本书的末尾，向老师或同学请教这些单词的意思，然后给这些单词加上自己的定义注释。

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Unit 1



Cuba Gooding Jr.



Shakira



Tavis Smiley

Cuba Gooding Jr.

A Life of Ups and Downs



Birth Name Cuba Gooding Jr.

Birth Date and Place January 2, 1968, The Bronx, New York City

Home Pacific Palisades, California

Think About What You Know

Have you ever been close to something that was a bad influence on you? Were you able to not get involved with it? Read the article to find out how Cuba Gooding Jr. resisted bad influences when he was in school.

Word Power

What do the words below tell you about the article?

utter *vt.* 说, 讲

privileged *adj.* 享有特权的

sibling *n.* 兄弟, 姐妹

weed *vt.* (为……) 除去杂草

stand *n.* 摊位

land *vt.* 获得

portrayal *n.* 扮演

script *n.* 剧本, 脚本

typecast *vt.* 让(演员)担任其擅长或适合其个性的角色

Reading Skill

Asking Questions to Check Comprehension (自我提问以检查理解程度)

擅长阅读的人会在阅读过程中停下来自我提问以检查自己的理解是否正确。自我提问是掌控阅读的一种方法, 有助于找出已经理解或尚未理解的内容。阅读时, 可以从容地停下来, 自我提问, 以帮助理解文章内容。如果读完之后还回答不出“what, where, when”或者“why”这样的问题, 可以借助补偿策略来找出答案, 如查阅生词、向老师或同学请教就是两种补偿策略。

Example

The movie *Jerry Maguire* is about a man who works as a sports agent. Sports agents represent professional athletes and help the athletes with their careers. An agent might help an athlete get a contract to play on a team. An agent might also help an athlete get work in TV commercials and other types of advertising.

This paragraph talks about sports agents. After reading you might ask yourself, “What do sports agents do?” If you don’t know the answer, one fix-up strategy might be to go back and reread the paragraph to find the answer. What other fix-up strategies might you use?

Cuba Gooding Jr.

A Life of Ups and Downs

“Show me the money!”

- 2 If you’ve seen the movie *Jerry Maguire*, you know that Cuba Gooding Jr.’s character *does* get his money. But even if you’ve never seen *Jerry Maguire*, you’ve probably heard someone shout out those words. It’s one of the most famous lines ever uttered in a movie, and it helped make Cuba Gooding Jr. a star.
- 3 In the movie, Gooding Jr.’s character has his ups and downs, but that’s nothing compared to the roller coaster ride that Gooding Jr. went through in his own life.
- 4 Cuba Gooding Jr. was born in 1968 in New York City, where his father began a career as a singer. When Gooding Jr. was three years old, his father joined a band called the Main Ingredient. Over the next few years, this band had several hits, including the wildly popular song “Everybody Plays the Fool.” The Goodings seemed guaranteed a wonderful future, and the whole family enjoyed the benefits that came with success. Gooding Jr. rode in limousines and hung out backstage with famous performers. When his father performed at Disneyland, officials closed the park and Gooding Jr. got to ride on the merry-go-round with Janet Jackson. Says Gooding Jr., “Until I was 12, I had a pretty privileged life.”
- 5 In 1978 the family moved to California, expecting the good times to continue. But two years later, Gooding Jr.’s parents split up, and his dad left the family. Suddenly there wasn’t any money for luxuries. There wasn’t even enough money for basics. “Things hit rock bottom so quickly it didn’t seem real,” says Gooding Jr.
- 6 Gooding Jr.’s mother struggled to find a job that would pay the bills. She became a clerk in a store, often working until midnight, but she still couldn’t earn enough to pay the rent. For a while, she and her children lived in cheap hotels, but soon they couldn’t even afford that. “My mother, my siblings, and I went from the good life to being homeless,” says Gooding Jr. “We lived in a car for a couple of months.”

- 7 Things did not improve much over the next several years. “We moved around a lot,” Gooding Jr. recalls. Sometimes the family lived with Gooding Jr.’s grandmother in the Arizona desert. “There was nothing but poverty,” says Gooding Jr. “It was rough.”
- 8 Despite all this, Gooding Jr. remained surprisingly hopeful. He dreamed of becoming a star—and he vowed not to let poverty ruin his dream. All around him, people were turning to guns and drugs, but he knew he didn’t want that kind of a life. “I hung out with a lot of guys who ran in gangs,” he says, “but I never was a member of one.”
- 9 Instead, Gooding Jr. focused on other activities. He took any job he could find. He weeded people’s gardens and sold tacos at a taco stand. He worked as a clerk in a mall. He also got a job as a telemarketer, trying to sell people products over the telephone.
- 10 Having those jobs meant some very long days for Gooding Jr. “At one point in my life, I was getting on a bus at 6:00 in the morning, at school by 7:30, doing my homework for about 45 minutes before school started, and going until 3:00. I did a couple more hours of homework on the bus going to work, and then I worked from 5:00 to 11:00,” says Gooding Jr. He took the bus back home, and it was often 1:00 in the morning before he got to bed. “I did this all week long,” he says.
- 11 Because his family moved so frequently, Gooding Jr. went to four different high schools. Yet at each new school, he managed to do well. At three of his four schools he was elected class president!
- 12 Gooding Jr. got his first taste of show business in 1984, when he was chosen to be a break dancer at the closing ceremonies of the 1984 Olympics. Soon after that, he performed in a high school play. A parent in the audience

Skill Break

Asking Questions to Check Comprehension

Look at paragraph 10 on this page. The paragraph tells about Gooding Jr.’s busy schedule as a student.

What **question** can you ask yourself to check your understanding of what Gooding Jr.’s day was like?

What **fix-up strategy** might you use if you had trouble answering your question?

happened to be a Hollywood agent. The agent was impressed with Gooding Jr.'s performance and offered to help him get acting jobs.

13 Over the next few years, Gooding Jr. landed several small roles in TV shows and appeared in a couple of commercials. But his first big success came in 1991, with *Boyz N the Hood*. In this movie, Gooding Jr. proved that he was an actor to be taken seriously. His portrayal of a young man trying to get out of South Central Los Angeles impressed many people.

14 After *Boyz N the Hood*, Gooding Jr. hoped a wide variety of roles would come his way. "I wanted to be a cowboy, I wanted to be a pirate, I wanted to be a businessman," he says. Hollywood didn't have that many good roles for African American actors, however, and Gooding Jr. found himself looking at more roles like the one he played in *Boyz*. He says, "The scripts I got were *Boyz N the Hood 2 . . . Boyz N the Hood Goes to Heaven*, *Boyz N the Hood Goes to the Laundromat*, *Boyz at the Supermarket*." Gooding Jr. didn't want to be typecast as a gang member, so he rejected all these roles.

15 In 1996 he finally saw his chance. Gooding Jr. wanted to play Rod Tidwell, the football player in *Jerry Maguire* whose favorite expression is "Show me the money!" He auditioned and convinced the director to hire him. It was a good decision: Gooding Jr. turned in an Oscar-winning performance.

16 After *Jerry Maguire*, Gooding Jr. starred in many other movies, including *Pearl Harbor* (2001) and *Radio* (2003). Today he is one of the biggest stars in Hollywood. Yet he remains the cheerful, friendly person he has always been. Gooding Jr. knows from experience that success doesn't always last, so he has put much of his energy into building a good life beyond the big screen. He has been married to his high-school sweetheart since 1994, and they have two sons, Spencer and Mason.

17 Gooding Jr. is grateful for his family, his health, and his current good fortune. He is thankful for all that he has—and he tries to squeeze all the happiness he can out of each day. As he says, "Every day above ground is a good one, man."



► Gooding Jr. likes to play ice hockey.

► He has a roller-hockey rink in his home.

► He has studied Japanese martial arts.

► He almost didn't get the part of Rod Tidwell because he was considered too short.

Activities

A Understanding What You Read

◆ Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. What was the effect on Gooding Jr.'s family when his dad left?
 - ☐ A. The Goodings had to cancel their trip to Disneyland.
 - ☐ B. The Goodings didn't have enough money for basics.
 - ☐ C. The Goodings weren't able to stay in Arizona.
2. How did Gooding Jr. first start getting acting jobs?
 - ☐ A. A Hollywood agent offered to help him.
 - ☐ B. Someone saw him dance at the Olympics.
 - ☐ C. A director gave him a part in a movie.
3. Gooding Jr. won an award for his performance in
 - ☐ A. *Boyz n the Hood*.
 - ☐ B. *Jerry Maguire*.
 - ☐ C. *Pearl Harbor*.
4. Which of the following statements is an opinion rather than a fact?
 - ☐ A. The family moved to California in 1978.
 - ☐ B. He also got a job as a telemarketer.
 - ☐ C. Every day above ground is a good one.
5. Which sentence **best** states the lesson about life that this article teaches?
 - ☐ A. Be grateful for all that you have.
 - ☐ B. It's important to repay your debts.
 - ☐ C. Don't take your goals too seriously.

_____ Number of Correct Answers: Part A

B Asking Questions to Check Comprehension

◆ Read the paragraphs below. Fill in the circle next to the question that would **best** help you check your understanding of the article.

1. In 1978 the family moved to California, expecting the good times to continue. But two years later, Gooding Jr.'s parents split up, and his dad left the family. Suddenly there wasn't any money for luxuries. There wasn't even enough money for basics. "Things hit rock bottom so quickly it didn't seem real," says Gooding Jr.