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Clint Eastwood

Actor, director and producer Clint Eastwood was born Clinton Eastwood Jr. on May 31, 1930, to Clinton Sr. and Ruth Eastwood, in San Francisco, California. He has an older sister, Jean. After travelling and looking for work throughout California during the Depression, the family settled in Oakland, where Eastwood graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1948.

Eastwood worked unusual jobs around this time, including as a hay bailer, logger, truck driver and steel-furnace stoker. In 1950, he was called to military duty with the Army Special Services, based at Fort Ord in Monterey, California. While in the Army, Eastwood met actors David Janssen and Martin Milner, who convinced him to move to Los Angeles in 1954 after he finished his military duty. Eastwood took a screen test and signed a contract with Universal for seventy-five dollars a week. His first roles were in the science fiction films *Revenge of the Creature* and *Tarantula*, both released in 1955. Eastwood's rough appearance landed him the role of Rowdy Yates on the CBS TV series *Rawhide* (1959), which ran for eight seasons.

In 1964, Eastwood went to Italy to star a trio of westerns directed by Sergio Leone. The role that Eastwood took -the cool, laconic 'Man with no name'- had not been accepted by James Coburn and Charles Bronson. The films included *For a Few Dollars More* (1965) and *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* (1966). Because they were produced in Italy, these films were called 'Spaghetti westerns' and they gained popularity worldwide, and Eastwood became internationally known, and you know the rest of his story.

QUESTIONS

1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- Eastwood was an actor from the very beginning of his professional career.
- After having been in the Army he started earning 300 dollars a month as an actor.
- Eastwood became really famous when he participated in Spaghetti westerns but before that he had been actor in other kinds of films.
- Before he worked in spaghetti westerns, the director had never offered that role to other actors.

(Puntuación máxima 4 puntos)

2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions.

- Did Clint Eastwood want to be an actor since he was young and he finished High School in 1948?
- Why were the roles that Eastwood got not related to a businessman in the films he has starred?

(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)

3. Find the words or phrases in the text that mean:

- received a degree (paragraph 1)
- strange (paragraph 2)



- c. persuaded (paragraph 2)
- d. characters (paragraph 2)
- e. obtained (paragraph 3)
- f. came to be (paragraph 3)

(Puntuación máxima 1,5 puntos)

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- a. If I _____ (go) to the cinema, I _____ (try) to choose a nice film.
- b. The people _____ watch Clint Eastwood's films _____ (be) usually very sensitive, since he _____ (tend) to direct social films.
- c. In my opinion, Eastwood's films are much _____ (good) than other kinds of films by other American directors.
- d. I _____ (go) to Universal Studios last year and I really _____ (enjoy) the visit.
- e. Have you _____ (see) any of the films _____ Eastwood starred at the beginning of his career as an actor?

(Puntuación máxima 2,5 puntos)

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1.

- a) **False.** "Eastwood worked unusual jobs around this time, including as a hay bailer, logger, truck driver and steel-furnace stoker."
- b) **True.** "... after he finished his military duty. Eastwood took a screen test and signed a contract with Universal for seventy-five dollars a week."
- c) **True.** His first roles were in the science fiction films *Revenge of the Creature* and *Tarantula*, both released in 1955. Eastwood's rugged looks landed him the role of Rowdy Yates on the CBS TV series *Rawhide* (1959), which ran for eight seasons.
- d) **False.** The role that Eastwood took -the cool, laconic 'Man with no name'- had not been accepted by James Coburn and Charles Bronson, so the director had previously offered it to them.

2.

- a) No, because according to the text, he worked in many other jobs having nothing to do with being a actor and it was only when he was in the Army Special Services that two actors persuaded him to go to Los Angeles and start his career as an actor.
- b) Because he never looked a businessman; on the other hand, his looks were rugged, that is, he has always had a rough appearance, which is why he got the role of a strong character in spaghetti westerns.

3. Synonyms

- a) graduated
- b) unusual
- c) convinced
- d) roles
- e) gained
- f) became

4.

- a) go- went- had gone/ try-will try – would try – would have tried
- b) who-that / are /tends
- c) better
- d) went / enjoyed
- e) seen / that