

The actor continued to appear in such films as *Love Actually* (2003), *Mamma Mia!* (2008) and *A Christmas Carol* (2009). In 2009, Firth was recognised with Oscar and Golden Globe nominations for starring in *A Single Man*. For his great performance in *The King's Speech*, Firth won the Best Actor Oscar at the 2011 Academy Awards. His role list ranges from a romantic man to a country's leader.

Colin Firth is also famous for his brilliant acting in the dramas *The Railway Man* (2013), *Before I Go to Sleep* (2014) and *Genius* (2016) in which he co-starred with a famous Australian actress Nicole Kidman. In 2014, he surprised his fans as a secret agent in the action spy comedy *Kingsman: The Secret Service*. The success of the film was enormous and, in 2017, its sequel *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* was released. In 2019, Firth played the role of a military leader in the famous World War I drama *1917* which won three Oscar awards.

Firth is known as a reserved and shy person. However, he is very sociable and he enjoys working with others on group projects or community activities. Colin is married to an Italian producer and director and has three sons.

2c. Read the biographies again and find out what these two celebrities have in common (at least 5 things).

3.  Role-play an interview with one of the British actors.

4a. Work in small groups. Which films mentioned in the texts have you seen? What are your impressions? Which ones would you recommend watching? Why?

4b.  Write which film you recommend watching and explain why you advise seeing this film.

Lesson 6. Cinema celebrities

1a. The actor in the photo is Johnny Depp. What do you know about him? In what films did he act? Do you like his manner of acting?



1b.   Read the text about Johnny Depp and complete it with the verbs in the correct form. Listen and check.

want get leave get play appear not / be make open

Johnny Depp, an American actor, was born on June 9, 1963. He ... (1) school at the age of 15 because he ... (2) to become a rock musician. Johnny ... (3) into acting after a visit to Los Angeles where he had met Nicolas Cage. The future star ... (4) his film debut ['derbjʊ:] in 1984. After this he ... (5) many characters and ... (6) in different films but ... (7) famous for many years until he ... (8) his present image of charming Captain Jack Sparrow in *Pirates of the Caribbean* in 2003. The film's enormous ['nɒ:məs] success ... (9) doors for his career and even an Oscar nomination. Johnny Depp is perhaps one of the most successful actors in Hollywood today.

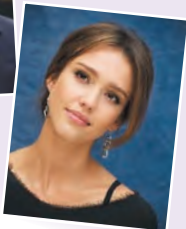
charming = very attractive



enormous = huge

1c.   Get ready to be a radio presenter. Listen to the text again. Pay attention to the sounds denoted by “or”, “ar” in a stressed position.

1d. Have a radio presenters' reading competition.

2a. Do you know the people in the photos? In what films did they act? What do you know about them?



2b.   Tastes differ. People like different actors and actresses. Here are some opinions of people of different age groups. Look through the texts below and fill in the actors' names. Listen and check.

Bruce Willis

Julia Roberts

Mel Gibson

Jessica Alba

Kirill Dytsevich

Yulia 30:

... is a talented Belarusian actor. He became popular after his victory in the first Belarusian contest "Mister Belarus". He started his acting career in 2013 appearing in Russian, and then in Ukrainian films *I hate and I Love, A good guy* and *Under the Sign of the Moon*. He has played in dramas, comedies, detective films and a few TV series. His talent has helped him create characters of different kinds. His acting is breathtaking and gripping. I enjoy it greatly.

John 33:

I'm just crazy about He is an American-Australian actor, film director, producer and screenwriter. I know that after appearing in several films, he went on to direct and star in the Academy Award-winning *Braveheart*. I adore everything: his charismatic acting, the plot of the films he is in, the charming characters he creates. Besides, he is known as one of the most successful businessmen in show business.

Liza 25:

I adore He is an American actor and producer who created many films. His career began on television in the 1980s and he is well known for his charismatic playing in the *Die Hard* series ['sɪəri:z], which was a financial [fɑ'nænʃəl] success. Actually, he has appeared in over 130 films so far and I really can't wait when his next film will be released to see his breath-taking acting.

Paul 15:

... is the most charming actress in the world. She was born on 28 April 1981. She began her career at the age of 13. She

appeared in various movies including *Honey*, *Sin City* and, of course, *Fantastic Four*. Her acting talent has always placed her on top of the listings in Hollywood.

Mary 38:

My favourite actress is She is known for starring in the spectacular comedy *Pretty Woman* and receiving several Oscar nominations. I remember seeing her acting in *Notting Hill* together with a fantastic British actor Hugh Grant ['hju: 'grɑ:nt]. Their acting was great! I couldn't take my eyes off the screen. Her gripping acting brought her enormous success and made her one of the highest-paid actresses in the world. *People* magazine named her among 50 most beautiful people in the World eleven times.

2c. Who or what do the adjectives below describe? Make sentences with them according to the text.

• gripping • fantastic • enormous • breathtaking • charismatic • spectacular • successful • financial

2d. Ask questions to the answers below.

1. In *Braveheart*.
2. Her talent.
3. An American-Australian actor, film director, producer and screenwriter.
4. In the 1980s.
5. In over 130 films.
6. On April 28, 1981.
7. His gripping acting.
8. For starring in the comedy *Pretty Woman*.
9. In 2013, appearing in romantic films.

3.  Discuss the questions.

1. Why are the actors above so popular?
2. Which actor / actress mentioned do you like most? Explain why.
3. Do you have your favourite actor / actress? What do you know about them?

4.  Write about your favourite actor / actress. Use the highlighted expressions from ex. 2b.

Lesson 7. A talk with a film critic

1. Discuss with your class.

1. What Belarusian films do you know? 2. Why do you think the most popular Belarusian films are about the Great Patriotic War?

2a. What do you know about the film *In August 1944*? How many questions can you answer?

1. What is it about? 2. Where was it made? 3. Who is the director of the film? 4. What is the plot of the film? 5. Do you think that the topic of the film is important? 6. Is this film worth seeing (стоит посмотреть)?



2b. Listen to the interview with a film critic and explain why the film is a success.

2c. Listen again and answer the questions in ex. 2a.

2d. Say if the sentences are true or false. Correct the false ones.

1. Mikhail Ptashuk was born after the Second World War. 2. Mikhail Ptashuk died in a car crash in 2002 in Moscow. 3. Alex says that the film was professionally made. 4. In 1944 some individual Nazi groups were still operating on the territory of Belarus. 5. Three German officers were given the task to find a radio station which was still sending messages. 6. Alex recommends this film only to schoolchildren and teenagers.

