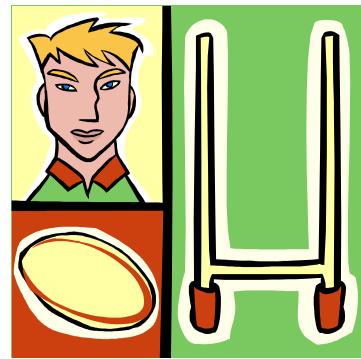


Russell Crowe

Activity 1 - Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

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2. He first appeared on TV when he was four years old. _____
3. Two of his cousins were excellent sportsmen. _____
4. Russell studied Rock'n'Roll at school. _____
5. He attended drama school in Australia. _____
6. His first American film was made in Washington. _____
7. Russell paid \$75 million for a rugby team. _____



Activity 2

Answer the following questions:

1. When was Russell Crowe born?

2. How old was he when he moved to Australia for the first time?

3. What sport did his famous cousins play?

4. Why didn't he finish school?

5. What was his first American film?

6. When did he get his first Oscar nomination?

7. For which film did he win an Oscar?

8. What's his wife's name?

Activity 3

Listen and complete the gaps

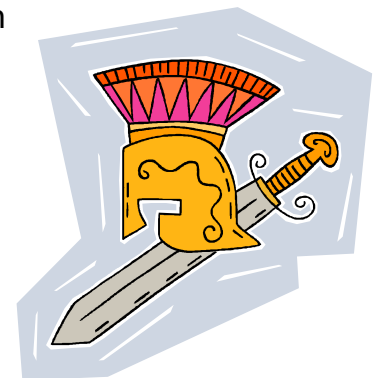
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