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Charlie Chaplin’s Early Life

He was believed to have been born on April 16, 1889. There is some doubt whether April 16 is actually his birthday, and it is possible he was not born in 1889. There is also uncertainty about his birthplace: London or Fontainebleau, France. There is no doubt, however, as to his parentage: he was born to Charles Chaplin, Sr. and Hannah Harriette Hill (aka Lily Harley on stage), both Music Hall entertainers. His parents separated soon after his birth, leaving him in the care of his increasingly unstable mother.

In 1896, Chaplin’s mother was unable to find work; Charlie and his older half-brother Sydney Chaplin had to be left in the workhouse at Lambeth, moving after several weeks to Hanwell School for Orphans and Destitute Children. His father died an alcoholic when Charlie was 12, and his mother suffered a mental breakdown, and was eventually admitted temporarily to the Cane Hill Asylum at Coulsdon (near Croydon). She died in 1928 in the United States, two years after coming to the States to live with Chaplin, by then a commercial success.

Charlie first took to the stage when, aged five, he performed in Music Hall in 1894, standing in for his mother. As a child, he was confined to a bed for weeks due to a serious illness, and, at night, his mother would sit at the window and act out what was going on outside. In 1900, aged 11, his brother helped get him the role of a comic cat in the pantomime Cinderella at the London Hippodrome. In 1903 he appeared in ‘Jim, A Romance of Cockayne’, followed by his first regular job, as the newspaper boy Billy in Sherlock Holmes, a part he played into 1906. This was followed by Casey’s ‘Court Circus’ variety show, and, the following year, he became a clown in Fred Karno’s ‘Fun Factory’ slapstick comedy company.

According to immigration records, he arrived in the United States with the Karno troupe on October 2, 1912. In the Karno Company was Arthur Stanley Jefferson, who would later become known as Stan Laurel. Chaplin and Laurel shared a room in a boarding house. Stan Laurel returned to England but Chaplin remained in the United States. Chaplin’s act was seen by film producer Mack Sennett, who hired him for his studio, the Keystone Film Company.

Source: http://www.esl-lounge.com

01. Which of the following statements about Charlie Chaplin is true?

A) There is uncertainty about his date of birth.
B) He was born on April 16, 1896.
C) He was born in France.
D) He was born in 1889, but the exact date is unknown.

Risposta corretta: A

02. When Charlie Chaplin was a baby,

A) his parents separated.
B) his mother died.
C) his parents divorced and his father took care of him.
D) his father died.

Risposta corretta: A

03. Which of the following statements about Charlie Chaplin’s mother is true?

A) Her stage name was Lily Harley.
B) She became a widow soon after Charlie’s birth.
C) She was a very strong woman.
D) She never worked.

Risposta corretta: A

04. According to the text, when Chaplin was a small child he

A) was sent to an orphanage with his half-brother.
B) suffered a mental breakdown.
C) was sent to work at Coulsdon.
D) spent several years in an orphanage in Croydon.

Risposta corretta: A

05. Another fact about Chaplin’s childhood is that he

A) once replaced his mother on stage.
B) took care of his mother during her illness.
C) helped his brother to get a job as an actor.

Risposta corretta: A
Lisa Tyler was weary after a long, hard day at the pottery factory where she works. But as she approached her home in the English city of Stoke-on-Trent, her heart lightened; soon she would be having a nice cup of tea, putting her feet up and watching Friends, her favourite TV series. But first, she needed to change out of her work clothes and pick up her three-year-old son from his grandmother’s house nearby.

As Lisa walked up her garden path, she noticed a light flashing on and off in an upstairs bedroom. A shiver went down her back. What if it was a burglar? Quietly, she crept round to the back of the house to see if there was any sign of a break-in. Sure enough, a window was open and someone’s coat was hanging on the gatepost! Well, 26-year-old Lisa didn’t fancy coming face to face with a burglar, so she ran to a neighbour’s house and rang the police. But as she sat waiting for the police to arrive, Lisa’s curiosity got the better of her and she decided to go back and see what was going on. That’s when she saw a leg coming out of the downstairs front window. It was a man climbing out. Lisa gasped in shock. The burglar was carrying her portable television! At this point, Lisa saw red. She didn’t have many possessions and she’d saved long and hard to buy that set. Besides, nobody was going to stop her watching Friends. “Oh, no you don’t,” she muttered under her breath, as the fury swelled inside her. Without even stopping to think, she tore across the garden and started shouting at the burglar. “Give me my TV - drop it now!” she screamed.

Ignoring her, the man fled across the garden. So Lisa threw herself at him and successfully rugby-tackled him to the ground. The burglar struggled to escape, but Lisa hung on like the best kind of guard dog despite being punched and...
kicked. As she looked up, she realised that she recognised the burglar's face. She was so surprised that she lost her grip and the burglar got away, leaving the TV behind in the garden. By the time the police and her father arrived, Lisa was in tears. "I can't believe you were so foolish, Lisa," scolded her father. "You could have been killed."
"I know, but at least he didn't get my TV," she replied. Lisa later remembered the name of the burglar, who had been in the same year as her at school. He was later caught and jailed for 15 months after admitting burglary and assault. In May last year, Lisa was given a Certificate of Appreciation by Staffordshire Police, for her "outstanding courage and public action". But in the future she intends to leave household security to a new member of her family, Chan, who is a real guard dog.
Source: https://www.tsu.ge

11. The main character in the story
   A) in some way managed to save her TV.
   B) admitted responsibility for the jailing of her ex-classmate.
   C) could definitely have been killed.
   D) decided immediately that she did not need the police.
Risposta corretta: A

12. The text shows that Lisa became
   A) angry.
   B) outrageous.
   C) very close to her son.
   D) interested in rugby.
Risposta corretta: A

13. According to the story, which of the following statements is true?
   A) Police intervention was not right after the crime.
   B) The police caught the criminal red-handed.
   C) Lisa's father congratulated her on fighting against crime.
   D) Lisa's guard dog was not at home at the appropriate time.
Risposta corretta: A

14. In the struggle described by the author
   A) Lisa prevented the burglar from stealing the TV
   B) Lisa kicked and punched the burglar.
   C) the burglary was planned to prevent Lisa from watching Friends.
   D) the girl's anger helped the man to run away.
Risposta corretta: A

15. According to the story, which of the following statements is true?
   A) Lisa got an honour from a local organization.
   B) The criminal was convicted for one crime.
   C) Lisa's father decided to buy her a dog.
   D) The little boy stays with his grandmother every day.
Risposta corretta: A

16. According to the author, one crucial point is that
   A) the criminal's face was not new.
   B) a neighbour did not help at all.
   C) the girl remembered all her school friends but not their names.
   D) her father was proud of her behaviour.
Risposta corretta: A

17. What does the word crept mean in this context?
   A) Moved slowly.
   B) Ran.
   C) Walked boldly.
D) Avoided.

Risposta corretta: A

18. The author of the article shows Lisa

   A) changed her mind about how to deal with the problem.
   B) was shocked by the sight of a red leg.
   C) did not care about the television.
   D) became fed up with waiting for the police.

Risposta corretta: A

19. Lisa’s father

   A) told her off.
   B) put her off.
   C) took her off.
   D) got her off.

Risposta corretta: A

20. We discover from the story that

   A) Lisa relies on a relative.
   B) Lisa does not need anybody else’s help.
   C) Lisa is helped by her father’s advice.
   D) Lisa would like to help her ex school friend.

Risposta corretta: A

COMPETENZA GRAMMATICALE [ 21-50 ]

21. Sarah ______________ a marathon next month.

   A) will be running
   B) will running
   C) will be run
   D) will been running

Risposta corretta: A

22. My grandmother ____________ down and ____________ her hip.

   A) fell / broke
   B) fall / break
   C) falled / broken
   D) fallen / breaked

Risposta corretta: A

23. I asked the assistant if he had any football boots in ____________.

   A) stock
   B) shop
   C) sale
   D) selling

Risposta corretta: A

24. This year I’ll take ____________ I can.

   A) as many exams as
   B) so much exams as
   C) as many exams than
   D) so exams that

Risposta corretta: A

25. I’d rather you ____________ that window.
A) didn't open  
B) haven't opened  
C) will open  
D) mustn't open

Risposta corretta: A

26. Make a reservation for that restaurant, ______ you'll have to wait before getting a table.
   A) otherwise  
   B) elsewhere  
   C) moreover  
   D) notwithstanding

Risposta corretta: A

27. Milan __________ Inter this weekend.
   A) are playing  
   B) will win  
   C) will lose  
   D) will be play

Risposta corretta: A

28. She's just __________ with her boyfriend.
   A) split up  
   B) stopped to go out  
   C) break down  
   D) cut it away

Risposta corretta: A

29. I don't feel very well. I'm afraid I may be _______ 'flu.
   A) going down with  
   B) going in for  
   C) getting at with  
   D) going away with

Risposta corretta: A

30. - How do you __________ Sally?  
    - Very well. She's nice and friendly.
    A) get along with  
    B) go together to  
    C) go in accordance with  
    D) get across with

Risposta corretta: A

31. - I'm afraid I forgot to buy you a birthday present.  
    - __________. You can get me something for Christmas.
    A) Never mind  
    B) No mind  
    C) No worry  
    D) Don't make problems

Risposta corretta: A

32. Mount Everest __________ more than 2000 people.
   A) has been climbed by  
   B) has climbed by  
   C) was climbed of
D) has being explored by

Risposta corretta: A

33. Did you ___________ my keys while you were clearing out the desk?
   A) come across
   B) get round
   C) come to
   D) come up against

Risposta corretta: A

34. The trouble with me is that I take ___________ exercise apart from walking to the shops.
   A) hardly any
   B) plenty any
   C) a few number of
   D) little quantity of

Risposta corretta: A

35. I have seen three movies this weekend but I didn't like ___________.
   A) any of them
   B) none of them
   C) anyone of they
   D) any of their

Risposta corretta: A

36. I would like ______________ me what happened.
   A) you to tell
   B) that you tell
   C) you to tell to
   D) you would tell

Risposta corretta: A

37. I ______________ for the last month but I haven't lost weight.
   A) have been exercising
   B) have been exercised
   C) was exercised
   D) have being exercising

Risposta corretta: A

38. It's been ages ______________ him.
   A) since I last saw
   B) that I don't see
   C) ago when I saw
   D) that I didn't see

Risposta corretta: A

39. I don't ______________ at all.
   A) approve of smoking
   B) agree smoke
   C) care to smoking
   D) mind to cigarettes

Risposta corretta: A

40. We ______________ seats for the show because the theatre was half empty.
A) needn't have booked  
B) mustn't book  
C) mustn't have booked  
D) couldn't book  
Risposta corretta: A  

41. ____________ five years in Portugal, I know the country quite well.  
A) Having spent  
B) Spending  
C) After to spend  
D) As I spend  
Risposta corretta: A  

42. My father's company ____________ a lot of business in Spain.  
A) does  
B) makes  
C) employ  
D) occurs  
Risposta corretta: A  

43. If he ____________, he would make a better impression.  
A) had his hair cut  
B) cuts his hairs  
C) would have a cut of hair  
D) had cut his hairs  
Risposta corretta: A  

44. ____________ we keep to the footpath, we won't get lost.  
A) As long as  
B) Unless if  
C) Whether  
D) Only if not  
Risposta corretta: A  

45. I wish I ____________ so much money last month.  
A) hadn't spent  
B) wasn't spending  
C) haven't been spending  
D) wouldn't spend  
Risposta corretta: A  

46. She's the girl ____________ last night.  
A) we were talking about  
B) that we talked of  
C) about who we were speaking  
D) that we spoken of  
Risposta corretta: A  

47. Jenny ____________ to Harvard but she preferred Yale.  
A) could have gone  
B) has likely to go  
C) admitted  
D) may had to go  
Risposta corretta: A
48. You should clean the cut thoroughly ___________ prevent any infection.
   A) so as to
   B) so that
   C) in order for to
   D) for

Risposta corretta: A

49. If she ___________ so tired, she ___________ back to sleep.
   A) hadn't been / wouldn't have gone
   B) weren't / will go
   C) wouldn't feel / hadn't gone
   D) wasn't / went

Risposta corretta: A

50. I'm awfully bad ___________ names. What's yours again?
   A) at remembering
   B) to remembering
   C) for remember
   D) for to remember

Risposta corretta: A

Rispondete alle successive domande 51 e 52 SOLO se espressamente indicato dalla Commissione.

DOMANDE DI RISERVA [ 51-52 ]

51. ___________ we leave, ___________ we can get home.
   A) The sooner / the sooner
   B) Before / before
   C) The soon / the soon
   D) As soon as / the sooner

Risposta corretta: A

52. The bank doesn't open for another half an hour so ___________ I'll do a bit of shopping.
   A) meanwhile
   B) while
   C) whereas
   D) during the time

Risposta corretta: A