A One-Man Show

Jackie Chan’s family is from Shantung, China but he was born in Hong Kong on April 7, 1954. His real name is Chan Kong Sang. Jackie started in the China Drama Academy at the age of six. He leaned music and dance, and he trained in traditional martial arts and acrobatics.

In 1983, Jackie formed an action comedy trio The Three Brothers with his friends Biao Yuen and Samo Hung. The trio became very popular. In Hong Kong, Jackie started making action films combining fights and dangerous stunts. Jackie was a mixture of Charlie Chaplin, Bruce Lee, and James Bond. The combination worked and he became famous around the world.

Some of his films are Cannonball Run (1980), Supercop, Rumble in the Bronx (1996), and the Rush Hours series (1998-2011). Jackie has had many broken bones and injuries from doing his own stunts. Why does he take the risk? Jackie says, “My fans expect me to do that. I want to add to the drama and excitement of the film.” Jackie Chan continues to entertain audiences all over the world.

About the reading

1. Where was Jackie Chan born?
2. How old was he when he started classes?
3. When did he start his first group as performer?
4. What kind of movies does he make?
5. When did he make Cannonball Run?
6. Who does Jackie’s stunts in the movies?

Speaking

1. What time did you get up this morning?
2. What did you have for breakfast?
3. How did you come to school?
4. What did you do after school/work yesterday?
5. Did you watch TV last night?
6. What do you think about Jackie Chan? Do you know his film recently?