

CAREER BRIEF

(Grades 3-5)

ACTOR



WHAT IS AN ACTOR?

Actors use their talents to bring characters to life in performances through television, theatre, radio, film, or animation.

WHAT DO ACTORS DO?

- An actor uses their voice, body, actions and reactions to communicate a specific character to their audience.
- An actor helps tell a story by playing a character.
- By pretending, an actor tries to convince the audience that their character is real.
- Actors research their roles, rehearse their lines and practice, practice, practice before auditioning.

***Fun Fact:** 11 actors have played Superman with the first being Bud Collyer in 1940, starring in *Adventures of Superman* radio show.

EDUCATION

- Some actors learn and develop their talents at college (bachelor's degree) or theatre programs.
- Students are encouraged to take college classes in drama, filmmaking, dance or music to prepare for a career in acting.

TRAINING

- Many actors receive their training through workshops, rehearsals, or lessons with a drama coach.
- Actors may need to learn a new skill to play their character (sing, dance, play a musical instrument or sport).
- Many student actors participate in school plays or local theater productions to develop their skills.

SKILLS

- Strong communication and speaking skills.
- Creative skills.
- Memorization skills.

Don't let failure go to your heart, and don't let success go to your head. - *Will Smith*