

Grammar Present Perfect – simple, continuous, passive

STARTER

Work with a partner. Talk about things you have NEVER done.

I've NEVER had a body piercing or tattoo.

I have. I've got a tattoo of a rose on my ankle.

I've NEVER seen a Leonardo DiCaprio film!

Really? I've seen *all* his films. He's my favourite actor!

Leonardo DiCaprio – actor & UN ambassador

1 Look at these film titles. Have you seen any of them? What do you know about the actor who starred in them, Leonardo DiCaprio?

- **What's Eating Gilbert Grape?** (1993)
- **Romeo and Juliet** (1996)
- **Titanic** (1997)
- **Gangs of New York** (2002)
- **The Great Gatsby** (2013)
- **Catch Me If You Can** (2002)
- **Inception** (2010)
- **The Revenant** (2015)

2 Complete the questions about DiCaprio. Use *did*, *was*, *has* or *have*.

- 1 Where and when _____ he born?
- 2 What _____ his mother doing when she chose his name?
- 3 When _____ he get his first film role?
- 4 What _____ he filming when he had the most fun in his life?
- 5 When _____ 'Leomania' begin?
- 6 How long _____ his foundation been supporting environmental causes?
- 7 When _____ he first nominated for an Oscar?
- 8 How many times _____ he been nominated?
- 9 _____ he ever won an Oscar?
- 10 Which famous actors _____ appeared with him?
- 11 How many model girlfriends _____ he had?
- 12 How much money _____ he donated to conservation projects?

3 Read about DiCaprio's life. Which things in his life do the **quotes** refer to?

4 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in 2.

🔊 6.1 Listen and check.

Leonardo DiCaprio

Well known as an award-winning actor, Leonardo DiCaprio has also worked tirelessly as an environmental campaigner for nearly two decades.

He is a UN Ambassador for Climate Change, and has devoted half of his website to environmental issues.

Born into a poor neighbourhood of Los Angeles, he remained close to both his ('hippy') parents after they separated, and he has often thanked them publicly. 'I'm completely indebted to them in every single way. They listened to their kid saying, "This is what I want to do," and they supported me unconditionally.'

'I never got the urge to ... rebel ... nothing would have shocked my parents.'

AGE LIFE EVENT

0 Born on **November 11, 1974**, in LA. His pregnant mother **Irmelin** chose his name because he first kicked as she admired a Leonardo da Vinci painting.

1 Parents separated. Leo lived mostly with his German mother.

'one of the wisest men I've ever met'

3 Tap-danced on stage at a concert his father, **George**, took him to, when the band was late to appear.

5–17 Appeared in 40 TV adverts and TV serials.

16 Left school and had his film debut in *Critters 3* in 1991.

18 Starred in *This Boy's Life* with **Robert De Niro**.

19 Received the first of his six Best Actor Oscar nominations for *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?*, starring with **Johnny Depp**.

'it was the most fun I've ever had'

22 **Leomania** began after his role as Romeo to **Clare Danes'** Juliet in Baz Luhrmann's *Romeo and Juliet*.

