

# James Dean

Complete the story of James Dean's life. Use the words in the box.

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James Dean was born 1) \_\_\_\_\_ February 8, 1931 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Marion, Indiana. When he was five years old, he moved 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Los Angeles with his family. Four years later he returned 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Indiana after his mother died. He lived 5) \_\_\_\_\_ his aunt and uncle 6) \_\_\_\_\_ their farm.

He returned 7) \_\_\_\_\_ Los Angeles to attend Junior College and then UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). But he soon left university to become an actor. He had small parts 8) \_\_\_\_\_ films from time to time, and he sometimes appeared 9) \_\_\_\_\_ TV commercials.

In 1951 he moved from LA to New York and joined the famous Actors Studio. He studied 10) \_\_\_\_\_ the very best actors of the time, including Marlon Brando. The Actors Studio was famous 11) \_\_\_\_\_ a style of acting called 'method acting' – the actor has to 'feel' the role before being able to perform it.

In 1954 director Elia Kazan offered him a part 12) \_\_\_\_\_ his film *East of Eden*. James played an angry young teenager. Immediately after James Dean finished work 13) \_\_\_\_\_ *East of Eden*, he started work on *Rebel Without a Cause*.

In March, 1955, he celebrated his success in *East of Eden* by buying a Porsche in which he could practise his passion, road racing. During the making 14) \_\_\_\_\_ his third, and final film *Giant*, he made his last journey. He was driving to Salinas, California to compete in a car race when he was involved 15) \_\_\_\_\_ an accident and killed. He was only twenty-four years old.