



Bob Newhart, who went from standup comedy to sitcom star, dies at 94

Description

Bob Newhart, a former accountant who lived with his parents at 30, transformed into a beloved comedian with nationwide fame. Born in 1929, he lived to 94, passing away on July 18. His humor influenced many comedians including Jerry Seinfeld and Bill Cosby. Prior to doing stand-up, Newhart had never performed in a nightclub. Yet, his comedic routines swiftly shot him to stardom.

Newhart's first comedy album, "The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart," became a huge hit. It topped the Billboard charts in 1960, even surpassing Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley's pop and rock albums. During his nightclub debut, he recorded this album, which sold more than 100 million copies. Newhart was the only comedian to win Grammy Awards for both best new artist and album of the year.

Finally, he starred in two popular sitcoms, "The Bob Newhart Show" and "Newhart". He always played the "straight man" role, making one-sided phone calls full of desperate conversations, which the audience found hilarious. Even after the spotlight of starring roles faded, he remained active in the entertainment industry well into his 80s. News of his death was confirmed by his publicist, although no cause was given.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Transform** /træns'fɔ:rm/ (verb): To make a thorough or dramatic change in form appearance or character.
2. **Influence** /'ɪn.flu.əns/ (noun): The capacity to have an effect on the character development or behavior of someone or something.
3. **Comedian** /kə'mi:di.ən/ (noun): A person whose job is to make people laugh especially by telling jokes or amusing stories.
4. **Routines** /ru:'ti:nz/ (noun): A sequence of actions regularly followed; a fixed program.
5. **Hilarious** /hɪ'lɛə.ri.əs/ (adjective): Extremely funny; causing laughter.
6. **Stardom** /'stɑ:r.dəm/ (noun): The state or condition of being a star especially in movies or theater; fame.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Where did Bob Newhart live with his parents at age 30?



- Option: New York City
- Option: Los Angeles
- Option: Chicago
- Option: Boston

2. What was the title of Bob Newhart's first comedy album?

- Option: The Hilarious World of Bob Newhart
- Option: The Laughing Mind of Bob Newhart
- Option: The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart
- Option: The Funny Side of Bob Newhart

3. Which famous comedians were influenced by Bob Newhart?

- Option: Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy
- Option: Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett
- Option: George Carlin and Robin Williams
- Option: Jerry Seinfeld and Bill Cosby

4. For which roles is Bob Newhart most famous in sitcoms?

- Option: The Funny Sidekick
- Option: The Straight Man
- Option: The Wacky Neighbor
- Option: The Eccentric Boss

5. What was unique about Bob Newhart's role in sitcoms that audiences found hilarious?

- Option: He wore extravagant costumes
- Option: He never spoke
- Option: He performed magic tricks
- Option: He made one-sided phone calls

6. How long did Bob Newhart live passing away on July 18?

- Option: 90 years
- Option: 85 years
- Option: 94 years
- Option: 100 years

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Chicago 2. The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart 3. Jerry Seinfeld and Bill Cosby 4. The Straight Man 5. He made one-sided phone calls 6. 94 years



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term describes a significant change in structure or form?
Option: A. Resilience
Option: B. Transformation
Option: C. Foundations
Option: D. Bravery
2. What word means the capacity to have an effect on the character development or behavior of someone or something?
Option: A. Switch
Option: B. Influence
Option: C. Syndrome
Option: D. Excited
3. Which term is used to describe principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior?
Option: A. Technology
Option: B. Ethical
Option: C. Performance
Option: D. Highlight
4. What term refers to the notice or attention given to someone or something by the media?
Option: A. Comedy
Option: B. Publicity
Option: C. Affect
Option: D. Stardom
5. Which of the following is a structure that connects two sides or spans a physical obstacle like a river or valley?
Option: A. Syndrome
Option: B. Bridges
Option: C. Residency
Option: D. Highlight
6. What term refers to the action of expecting or predicting something to happen?
Option: A. Resilience
Option: B. Anticipation
Option: C. Excited



Option: D. Confirmed

7. Who is a professional entertainer who tells jokes or humorous anecdotes?

- Option: A. Performance
- Option: B. Comedian
- Option: C. Syndrome
- Option: D. Stardom

8. Which term is commonly defined as the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes especially in industry?

- Option: A. Investigated
- Option: B. Technology
- Option: C. Switch
- Option: D. Influence

9. How do you feel when you are looking forward to something with eager enthusiasm?

- Option: A. Bravery
- Option: B. Influence
- Option: C. Excited
- Option: D. Affect

10. What term is used to describe something that is different or distinctive from others?

- Option: A. Stardom
- Option: B. Transformation
- Option: C. Special
- Option: D. Residency

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. A live _____ by the famous band was the highlight of the event.

12. The details of the event were officially _____ by the organizers yesterday.

13. The team showed great _____ in overcoming the challenges they faced.

14. The doctor diagnosed the patient with a rare medical _____ that requires further testing.

15. Please remember to _____ off the lights before leaving the room.



16. One of the _____ of the trip was the breathtaking view from the mountaintop.
17. The success of the project was built on strong _____ laid by the previous team.
18. The firefighter showed exceptional _____ when rescuing the family from the burning building.
19. The new policy will greatly _____ the way we operate our business.
20. The young actress rose to _____ after her breakthrough performance in the film.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The political covered a wide range of topics including healthcare and education.
22. The athlete experienced a painful muscle during the race.
23. Establishing healthy daily can lead to improved productivity and well-being.
24. The stand-up comedian delivered a performance that had the audience laughing uncontrollably.
25. The university has long been regarded as a prestigious educational in the region.
26. The ballet company's latest received rave reviews from critics.
27. The movie gave a sneak peek into the highly anticipated sequel.
28. The children were extremely about the upcoming trip to the amusement park.
29. The artist was awarded a at the prestigious gallery to showcase her work.
30. Please your attendance at the event by Friday.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B. Transformation 2. B. Influence 3. B. Ethical 4. B. Publicity 5. B. Bridges 6. B. Anticipation 7. B. Comedian 8. B. Technology 9. C. Excited 10. C. Special

Gap-Fill: 11. performance 12. confirmed 13. resilience 14. syndrome 15. switch 16. highlights 17. foundations 18. bravery 19. affect 20. stardom

Matching sentence: 1. Debate 2. Spasm 3. Routines 4. Hilarious 5. Institution 6. Performance 7. Trailer 8. Excited



9. Residency 10. Confirm

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