



Child TV Star Killed in Malibu Fire, Mother Confirms

Description

A tragic event occurred when wildfires engulfed the Malibu estate of former Australian child star Rory Callum Sykes in California. His mother, Shelley Sykes, shared that he perished in the blaze at their 17-acre Mount Malibu TV Studios estate. Rory, known for his appearance on the British TV series "Kiddy Kapers" in 1998, was described by his mother as "beautiful" and "wonderful."

Shelley recounted the heartbreaking moment when she couldn't rescue Rory due to a broken arm and a malfunctioning water supply. Despite being born blind with cerebral palsy, Rory defied odds and became an inspirational speaker, co-founding the Happy Charity organization. His goal was to spread "Hope, Happiness & Health to those that are Hurting."

Rory, who was born in Britain and later lived in Australia and America, overcame numerous challenges, including surgeries and therapies to regain his sight and mobility. He was a professional speaker and consultant for prominent organizations such as the Tony Robbins Foundation and the Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is supporting Rory's family during this difficult time. The tragic loss of this young man serves as a reminder of his inspiring message: "It doesn't matter what happens to you in life, it's what you do about it that counts."

Vocabulary List:

1. **Engulfed** /ɪn'ɡʌlft/ (verb): To completely surround or cover something often in a destructive manner.
2. **Perished** /'pɛrɪʃt/ (verb): To die or come to an end especially in a violent or sudden way.
3. **Cerebral Palsy** /'sɛrɪbrəl 'pɔ:li/ (noun): A group of disorders affecting movement and muscle tone often caused by damage to the developing brain.
4. **Inspiring** /ɪn'spaɪərɪŋ/ (adjective): Having the effect of inspiring someone; motivating or encouraging.
5. **Malfunctioning** /mæl'fʌŋkʃənɪŋ/ (adjective): Failing to function properly.
6. **Challenges** /'tʃælɪndʒɪz/ (noun): Difficulties that require effort and determination to overcome.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term best describes ambitious and persistent efforts towards a goal?

Option: Endeavors



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- Option: Incident
Option: Perpetrator
Option: Ceremony
2. What is a term for situations that require great effort and determination to overcome?
Option: Challenging
Option: Stable
Option: Acclaimed
Option: Devastating
3. Which term refers to the illegal entry into a building with the intent to commit a crime usually theft?
Option: Striving
Option: Burglary
Option: Complete
Option: Ensemble
4. Which condition is a group of permanent movement disorders that appear in early childhood?
Option: Expectations
Option: Cerebral Palsy
Option: Inspiring
Option: Malfunctioning
5. What is the term for the action of officially suggesting someone for a position or honor?
Option: Perished
Option: Nominations
Option: Presentation
Option: Devastating
6. Which term describes a pause or gap in a sequence or series?
Option: Scrutinized
Option: Hiatus
Option: Complexities
Option: Challenges
7. Who is a person who carries out a harmful illegal or immoral act?
Option: Challenges
Option: Perpetrator
Option: Surgery
Option: Stabbed
8. Which term means to pierce or wound with or as if with a pointed weapon?
Option: Demise
Option: Stabbed



- Option: Stable
- Option: Acclaimed

9. What word best describes causing great shock distress or severe damage?

- Option: Incident
- Option: Devastating
- Option: Ceremony
- Option: Complete

10. Which term means to finish making or doing something?

- Option: Stable
- Option: Endeavors
- Option: Complete
- Option: Ensemble

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

- 11. The financial records were _____ thoroughly by the auditor.
- 12. Despite the _____ circumstances she never gave up on her dreams.
- 13. The city was _____ by a thick fog reducing visibility to almost zero.
- 14. He had high _____ for the new project hoping it would be a success.
- 15. The novel had a captivating _____ that kept readers hooked till the end.
- 16. The orchestra played as a cohesive _____ producing beautiful music.
- 17. The book delves into the political _____ of the fictional world it creates.
- 18. The machine was _____ and needed immediate repairs to function properly.
- 19. The car crash was a tragic _____ that shook the entire community.
- 20. Her condition after surgery was _____ with no complications reported.

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

21. The teacher gave us a assignment that required long hours of work.



22. The artist's latest work was met with critical praise and was widely .
23. The flames quickly the entire forest leaving behind a trail of destruction.
24. Sadly many lives were lost and several people in the tragic accident.
25. The awards will take place next month to honor outstanding achievements.
26. The new job poses several that test one's skills and capabilities.
27. Her courage and determination in the face of adversity were truly to everyone around her.
28. The police are investigating the recent at the jewelry store.
29. The academy is now accepting for the annual film awards.
30. The team worked tirelessly on the final for the board meeting.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Endeavors 2. Challenging 3. Burglary 4. Cerebral Palsy 5. Nominations 6. Hiatus 7. Perpetrator 8. Stabbed 9. Devastating 10. Complete

Gap-Fill: 11. Scrutinized 12. Striving 13. Engulfed 14. Expectations 15. Narrative 16. Ensemble 17. Complexities 18. Malfunctioning 19. Incident 20. Stable

Matching sentence: 1. Demanding 2. Acclaimed 3. Engulfed 4. Perished 5. Ceremony 6. Challenges 7. Inspiring 8. Burglary 9. Nominations 10. Presentation

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