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# Michael Che Shares His Most Terrifying 'SNL' Opening Moments

## Description

Michael Che is thinking about a serious time on "Saturday Night Live." He worked on the show for 11 years.

Che remembers one very stressful day. He talked about it in the new documentary "Being Eddie." He said, "The Eddie Murphy show was very tense. It felt scary. We needed to do well for Eddie Murphy."

Dave Chappelle, Eddie Murphy, Chris Rock, and Tracy Morgan in "Being Eddie." Courtesy of Netflix ©2025

This show was special because it was Eddie Murphy's first time back after 35 years. Eddie used to be on "SNL" from 1980 to 1984. He left after a joke from David Spade.

For his return, Lorne Michaels, the show's creator, wanted Eddie to be personal in his opening talk. Che said, "Everyone wanted to hear him speak."

After the show, Chris Rock said it was one of the best "SNL" episodes ever. Eddie Murphy also returned for the show's 50th anniversary in 2025. He said it was a great experience.

This doc shows the funny times and memories of the comedians.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **documentary** /ˌdɒk.jə'men.tər.i/ (noun): A film or television program that provides a factual report on a particular subject.
2. **stressful** /'stres.fəl/ (adjective): Causing or marked by mental or emotional stress.
3. **tense** /tɛns/ (adjective): Not relaxed; characterized by anxiety or nervousness.
4. **personal** /'pɜːr.sən.əl/ (adjective): Relating to an individual's private life character or feelings.
5. **experience** /ɪk'spɪər.i.əns/ (noun): The knowledge or skill acquired by a period of practical experience of something especially that gained in a particular profession.
6. **memories** /'mɛm.ər.iz/ (noun): The faculty by which the mind stores and remembers information; recollections of past events.

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. How long did Michael Che work on "Saturday Night Live"?
  - Option: 5 years
  - Option: 8 years
  - Option: 11 years
  - Option: 15 years
2. When did Eddie Murphy leave "SNL" initially?
  - Option: 1977
  - Option: 1980
  - Option: 1984
  - Option: 1990
3. Who wanted Eddie Murphy to be personal in his opening talk upon his return to "SNL"?
  - Option: Michael Che
  - Option: Chris Rock
  - Option: Lorne Michaels
  - Option: David Spade
4. In which year did Eddie Murphy return for "SNL"'s 50th anniversary?
  - Option: 2020
  - Option: 2022
  - Option: 2024
  - Option: 2025
5. Who claimed that the Eddie Murphy episode was one of the best in "SNL" history?
  - Option: Michael Che
  - Option: Chris Rock
  - Option: Lorne Michaels
  - Option: David Spade
6. What was the title of the documentary mentioned in the text?
  - Option: Looking Back
  - Option: Being Eddie
  - Option: SNL Memories
  - Option: The Comedy Chronicles



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### True-False

7. Eddie Murphy returned to "SNL" after 35 years for the 50th anniversary show.
8. David Spade was the creator of "Saturday Night Live."
9. Chris Rock mentioned that the Eddie Murphy episode was mediocre.
10. The documentary "Being Eddie" showcases serious moments from Eddie Murphy's life.
11. Lorne Michaels worked on the Eddie Murphy episode of "SNL."
12. Michael Che mentioned that the Eddie Murphy show was very relaxed and light-hearted.

### Gap-Fill

13. Eddie Murphy was on "SNL" from 1980 to \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Chris Rock mentioned that the Eddie Murphy episode was one of the best in "SNL" history after Eddie's return after 35 years in \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Eddie Murphy returned for the show's 50th anniversary in \_\_\_\_\_.
17. According to Michael Che, the Eddie Murphy show was very tense and felt scary during his return after 35 years in \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 11 years 2. 1984 3. Lorne Michaels 4. 2025 5. Chris Rock 6. Being Eddie

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 1984 15. 2025

### Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. What do musicians do on stage during a concert?  
Option: Sing  
Option: Dance  
Option: Act  
Option: All of the above
2. Which type of film provides a factual report on a particular subject?  
Option: Action  
Option: Comedy  
Option: Documentary  
Option: Science Fiction
3. What feeling is associated with fond memories of the past?  
Option: Joyful  
Option: Nostalgic  
Option: Anxious  
Option: Tense
4. Which term refers to the act of making information available to the public through print or digital media?  
Option: Privacy  
Option: Confidentiality  
Option: Publication  
Option: Secrecy
5. Which term describes products or services that are luxurious and high-end?  
Option: Budget-friendly  
Option: Upscale  
Option: Basic  
Option: Standard
6. What type of art form involves creating three-dimensional figures or designs?  
Option: Paintings  
Option: Sculptures  
Option: Photography  
Option: Digital Art
7. What legal status grants individuals the rights and privileges of a particular country?  
Option: Visa  
Option: Immigrant Status  
Option: Passport



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Option: Citizenship

8. Which word is used to describe something that pleases the senses or the mind aesthetically?

Option: Ugly

Option: Beautiful

Option: Plain

Option: Ordinary

9. How would you describe a person who is welcoming and pleasant in their interactions?

Option: Hostile

Option: Unfriendly

Option: Reserved

Option: Friendly

10. What term is used to describe multiple young offspring of human parents?

Option: Kids

Option: Puppies

Option: Kittens

Option: Children

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

11. The company \_\_\_\_\_ a new product line at the trade show.

12. The Black Friday \_\_\_\_\_ were higher this year than last year.

13. Traveling to new countries can be a life-changing \_\_\_\_\_ for many people.

14. The movie did not meet the audience's \_\_\_\_\_ leading to mixed reviews.

15. The artist unveiled his latest masterpiece showcasing previously \_\_\_\_\_ work.

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the popular TV series are planning a spin-off show.

17. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ going to the beach during the summer.

18. The atmosphere in the meeting room became increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ as the negotiations continued.

19. Looking at old photographs brings back sweet \_\_\_\_\_ of childhood.



20. The activists started a \_\_\_\_\_ to gather signatures for environmental conservation.

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

21. Writing in a journal is a way to document your thoughts and feelings in a manner.
22. The band will be going on a world next month to promote their new album.
23. Tokyo Paris and New York are all famous global known for their culture and landmarks.
24. Final exams can be a very time for students as they prepare and study.
25. The company recorded record-breaking numbers during the holiday season.
26. The team a tough match against the reigning champions.
27. The chef prepared a meal with fresh ingredients and bold flavors.
28. The boutique specializes in selling unique clothing from past decades.
29. The teacher asked for the students' during the important announcement.
30. The bookstore hosts weekly readings for children to enjoy classic and new .

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. All of the above 2. Documentary 3. Nostalgic 4. Publication 5. Upscale 6. Sculptures  
7. Citizenship 8. Beautiful 9. Friendly 10. Children

**Gap-Fill:** 11. announced 12. sales 13. experience 14. expectations 15. unseen 16. creators 17. enjoy 18.  
tense 19. memories 20. petition

**Matching sentence:** 1. personal 2. tour 3. cities 4. stressful 5. sales 6. expected 7. delicious 8. vintage  
9. attention 10. stories

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