

Clues for Charlie Chaplin

1. He was born in 1889 in London to a poor family.
2. His parents sang and danced in music halls with little success.
3. After his mother became ill and his father left the family, he was twice committed to a workhouse for destitute children before the age of ten.
4. To make money, he performed at the music halls tap dancing, playing the piano, and acting in funny plays.
5. At twenty-four, he moved to the United States and started acting in silent movies where he created a down on the luck character called “The Tramp” who wore baggy pants, big shoes, and a tiny mustache.
6. Audiences loved laughing at the tramp’s silly adventures that Charlie played in many movies and became famous.
7. In 1918, he had an opportunity to direct a film about WW I called Shoulder Arms, which was a huge success. He wrote, produced, directed, and composed music for his movies in a new company United Artists.
8. He made more than 80 films, many comedies, and some serious films like “Modern Times” and “Great Dictator,” which mocked Adolph Hitler.
9. In 1943, he married Oona O’Neil, and they had eight children. Many acted in the film “Limelight.” One Geraldine Chaplin became a famous actress.

10. In 1954, he moved his family to Switzerland and gave a tremendous amount of money to a charity that feeds the homeless.

11. In 1972, he received a special Academy Award, and in 1975 he was knighted Sir Charlie by the Queen Elizabeth of England.