

Grammar in Real Life 1

Jacqueline is reading a biography about a famous basketball star, Jeremy Lin. Complete the biography with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

Jeremy Lin

Jeremy Shu-how Lin (23rd August 1988 — present)

(1) _____ *is* _____ (be) a famous American professional basketball player who (2) _____ currently _____ (play) for the Santa Cruz Warriors.



Childhood and early life

Lin (3) _____ (be) born in Los Angeles, US. His Taiwanese parents (4) _____ (emigrate) to the US before they (5) _____ (marry).

Lin (6) _____ (show) great talent in basketball since he was young. He (7) _____ (try) to apply for a sports scholarship at several universities before he entered Harvard University but failed to get one. In the end, Lin (8) _____ (attend) Harvard University without a scholarship.

Early career

Lin joined the NBA in 2010. He (9) _____ (be) the first Chinese-American who (10) _____ ever _____ (play) in the NBA. However, he (11) _____ (not have) many chances to perform at that time. He often had to sit on the backup bench while his teammates (12) _____ (play) in the games.

New York Knicks

Lin (13) _____ (have) more chances to play in the NBA after he had joined the New York Knicks in late 2011. In 2012, Lin (14) _____ (lead) the Knicks to win seven games in a row. He (15) _____ (become) famous overnight since then.

Personal life

Lin is known for his Christian faith. He thinks that God (16) _____ (help) him shape a better attitude towards life. Although Lin (17) _____ (spend) his many more years in the basketball career, he still hopes that he (18) _____ (become) a pastor one day.