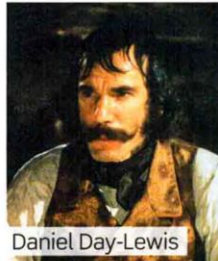


# acting

**Part 3**  
VIDEO

4 26)) Now watch or listen to Part 3. What does he say about...?

- 1 watching other actors acting
- 2 the first great actors he saw
- 3 Daniel Day-Lewis
- 4 wearing make up
- 5 the first night of a play



**Glossary**

**John Gielgud** a famous stage and film actor (1904 – 2000)

**Ralph Richardson** a famous stage and film actor (1902 – 1983)

**Laurence Olivier** a famous stage and film actor (1907 – 1989)

**Edith Evans** a famous stage and film actor (1888 – 1976)

**Peggy Ashcroft** a famous stage and film actor (1907 – 1991)

**Daniel Day-Lewis** a famous film actor (1957 – )

**stage fright** nervous feelings felt by actors before they appear in front of an audience

## 2 LOOKING AT LANGUAGE

**Modifiers**

Simon Callow uses a wide variety of modifiers (*really, incredibly, etc.*) to make his language more expressive.

a 4 27)) Listen to some extracts from the interview and complete the missing adjective or modifier.

- 1 ‘...I thought what a wonderful job, what a \_\_\_\_\_ **interesting** job...’
- 2 ‘My job was to reconcile that with the fact that he wrote *The Marriage of Figaro*, and that was **tremendously** \_\_\_\_\_.’
- 3 ‘...its fame, almost from the moment it was announced, was **overwhelmingly** \_\_\_\_\_ than anything I had ever done...’
- 4 ‘They’re \_\_\_\_\_ **different** media, they require different things from you as an actor...’
- 5 ‘...you bring \_\_\_\_\_ **different** things to them.’
- 6 ‘The beauty of the theatre is that every single performance is **utterly** \_\_\_\_\_ from every other one.’
- 7 ‘As a young man, and a boy, I was \_\_\_\_\_ **lucky** to see that fabled generation of actors, of, of Gielgud and Richardson, Olivier...’

## 3 IN THE STREET

VIDEO

a 4 28)) Watch or listen to four people talking about their favourite actors. Match the speakers (N, S, J, or M) to the actors.



Nathan, English



Sean, English



Jo, English



Mairi, Scottish

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audrey Hepburn | <input type="checkbox"/> Jodie Foster    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judi Dench     | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Spacey    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Smith     | <input type="checkbox"/> Natalie Portman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olivia Colman  | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert De Niro  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russell Crowe  |  |

b Watch or listen again. Who (N, S, J, or M)...?

- likes one of the actors he / she mentions because he / she is very versatile
- has seen one of the actors he / she mentions in the theatre
- thinks his / her favourite actors express feelings very well
- says the actor he / she likes best was also in the film he / she likes best

c 4 29)) Watch or listen and complete the highlighted Colloquial English phrases. What do you think they mean?

- 1 ‘...actors who are that famous **have some sort of star** \_\_\_\_\_.’
- 2 ‘I think he just has an intensity, and a \_\_\_\_\_ that makes you want to watch him.’
- 3 ‘My favourite film and my favourite performance **of** \_\_\_\_\_ is *The Deer Hunter*.’
- 4 ‘... I feel like she **put her** \_\_\_\_\_ into everything...’