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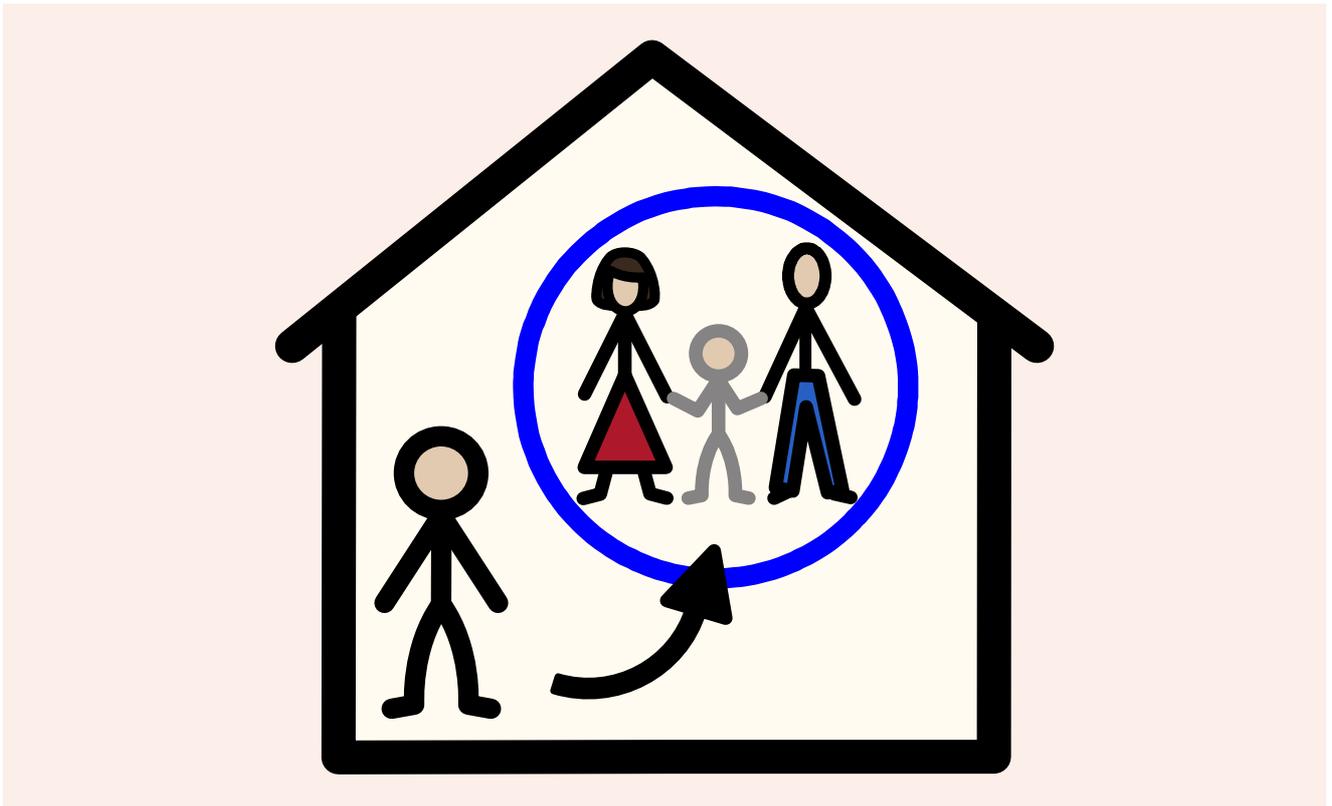


Marilyn Monroe was born in Los Angeles in 1926.

Her birth name was Norma Jeane Mortenson.

When Marilyn was seven her mother became ill.

Her mother spent time in hospital.

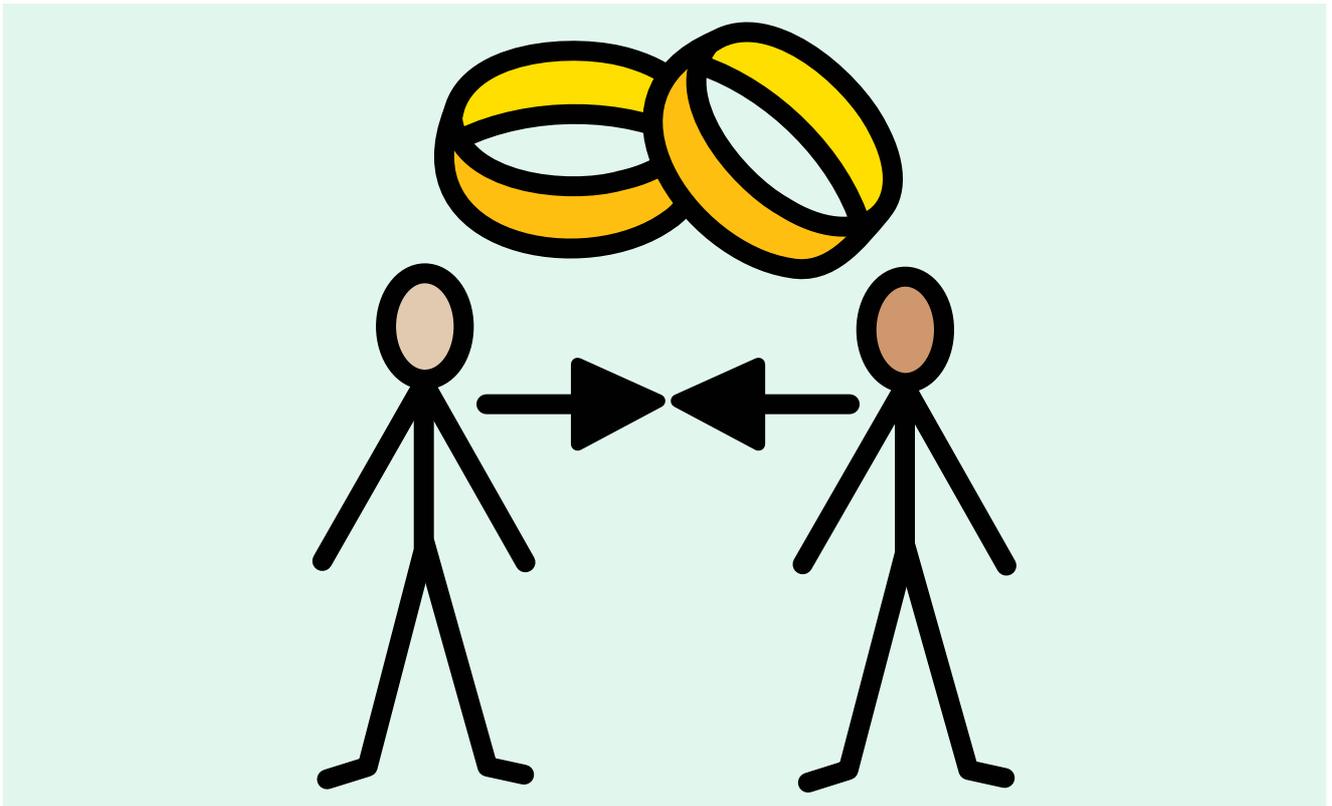


Marilyn grew up in a series of foster homes.

Marilyn had to move from home to home.

Marilyn had a difficult time in some of her homes.

This badly affected Marilyn's education.

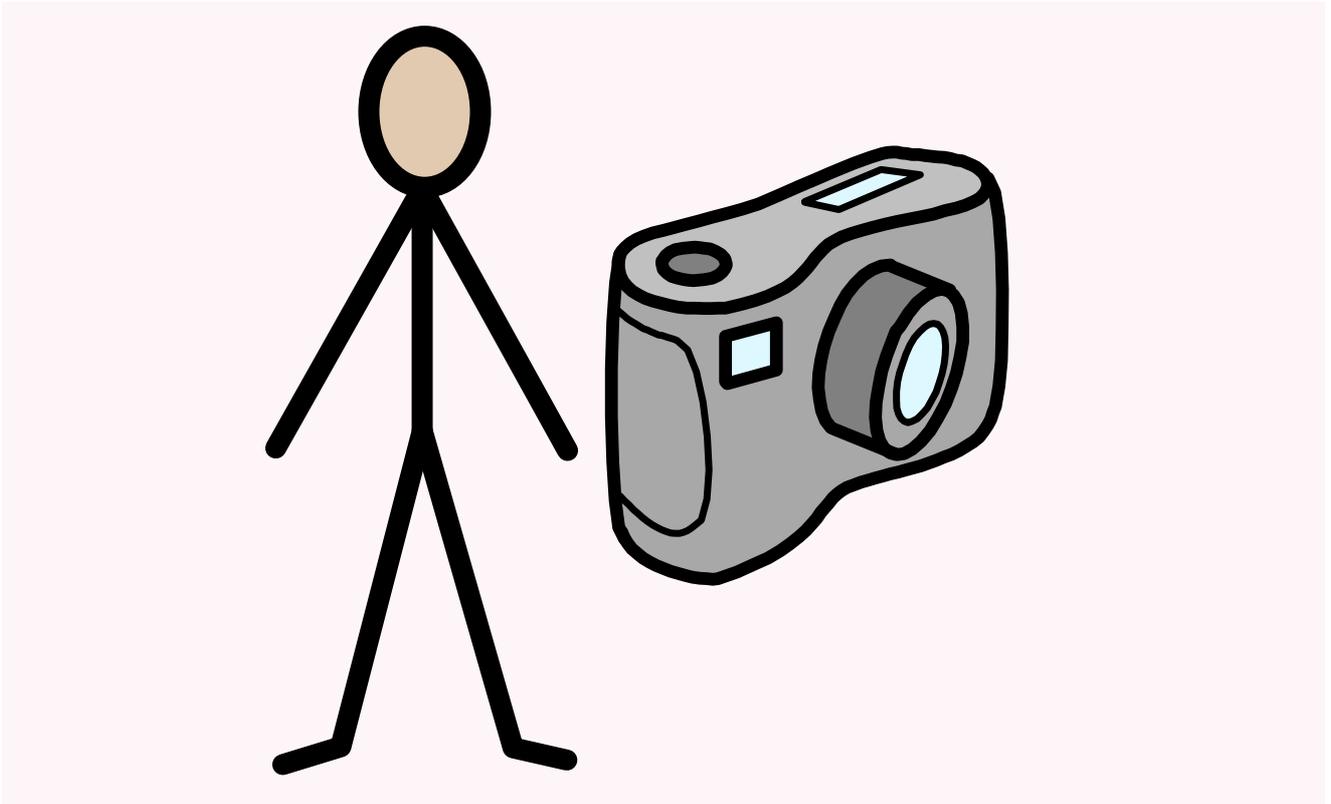


At age 16 Marilyn's foster parents moved away.

Marilyn didn't want to return to the orphanage.

Instead she married a neighbour.

Marilyn married James Dougherty in 1942.



In 1944 Marilyn's husband was shipped to the Pacific.

Marilyn started working in a munitions factory.

Marilyn was discovered by an army photographer.

Marilyn became a successful model.

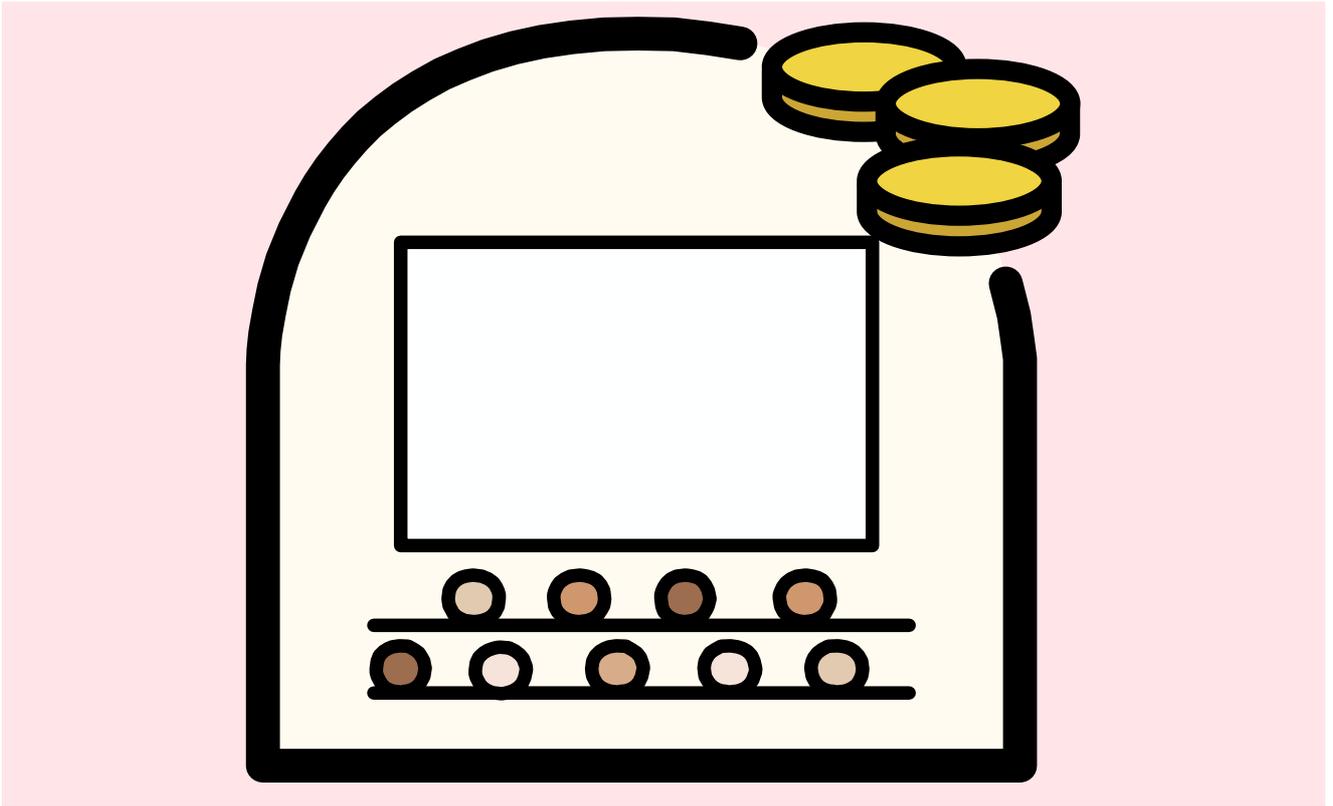


Marilyn straightened her hair and dyed it blonde.

In 1946 she signed with 20th Century Fox.

She changed her name to Marilyn Monroe.

Monroe had been her mother's maiden name.

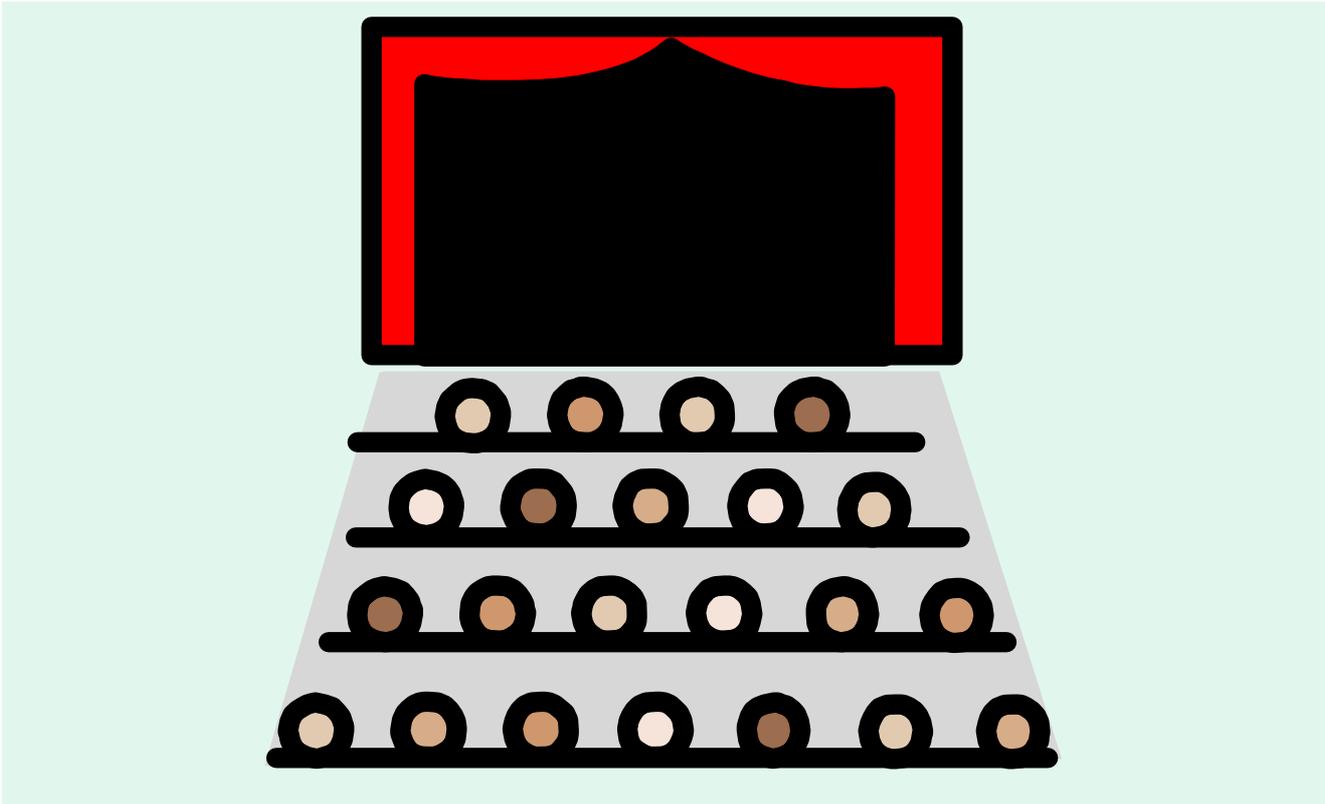


Marilyn began learning to act, sing and dance.

Marilyn enrolled in the Actors' Laboratory Theatre.

Marilyn wanted to become a successful actress.

In 1948 Marilyn signed with Columbia Pictures.

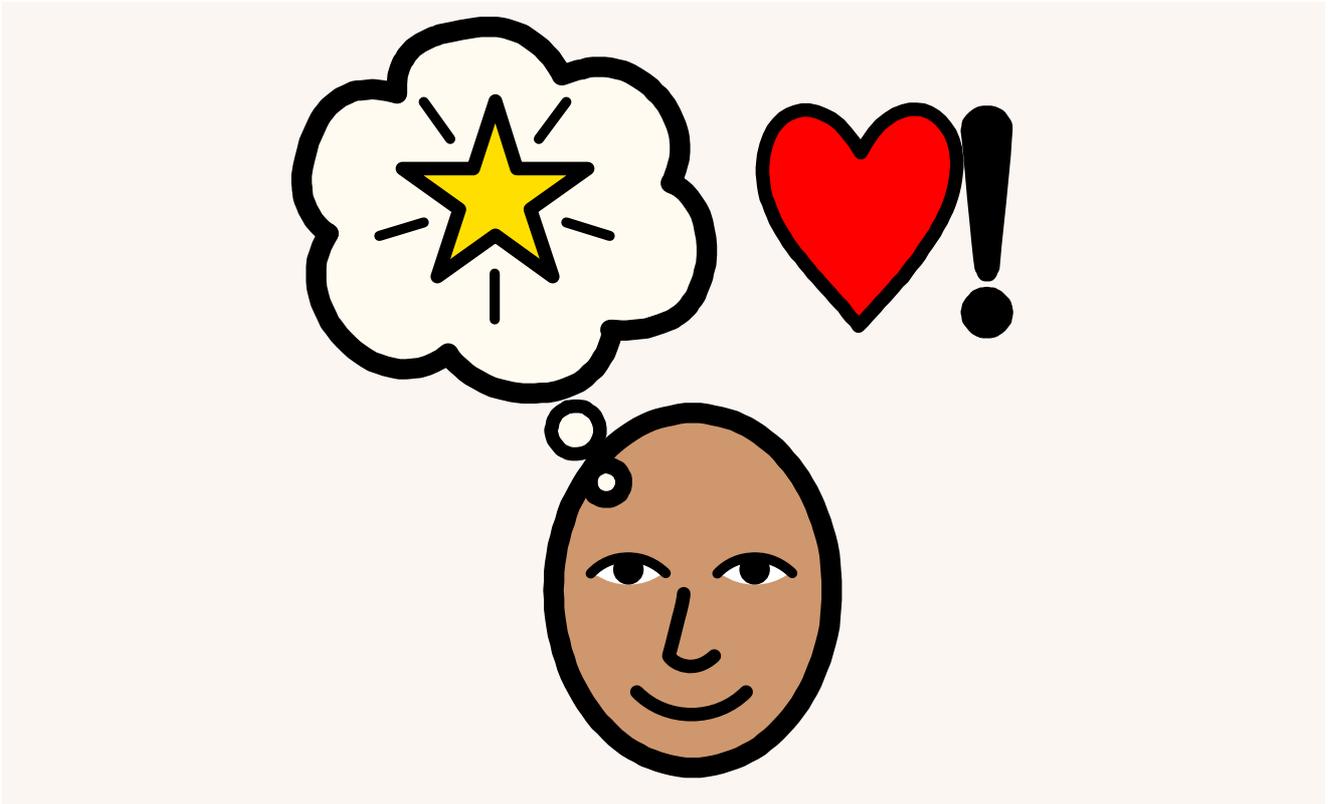


In 1950 Marilyn signed with 20th Century Fox.

Marilyn dyed her hair platinum blonde.

She acted in "All About Eve".

Marilyn became very popular with audiences.

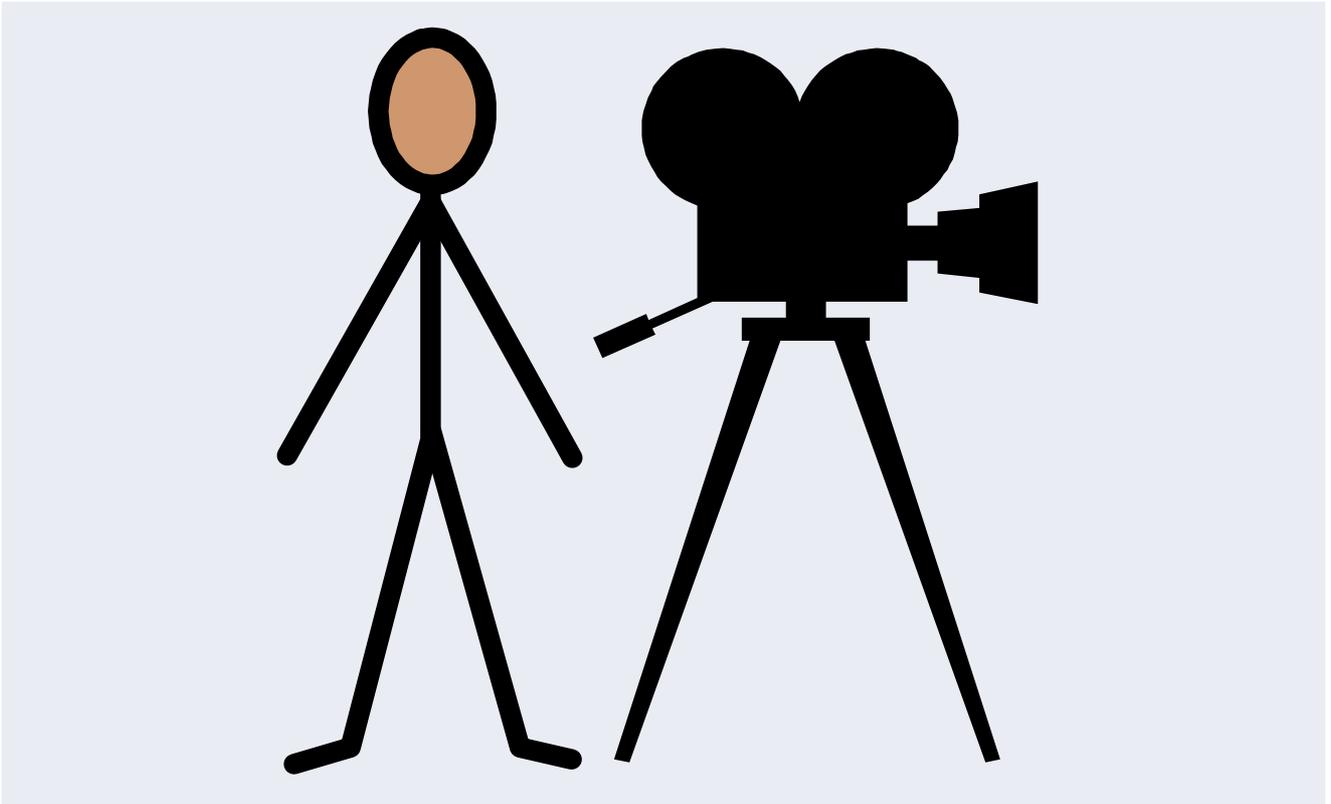


Marilyn became very famous.

She began receiving thousands of fan letters.

She starred in movies in the 1950's and 1960's.

Marilyn also sang in musicals.

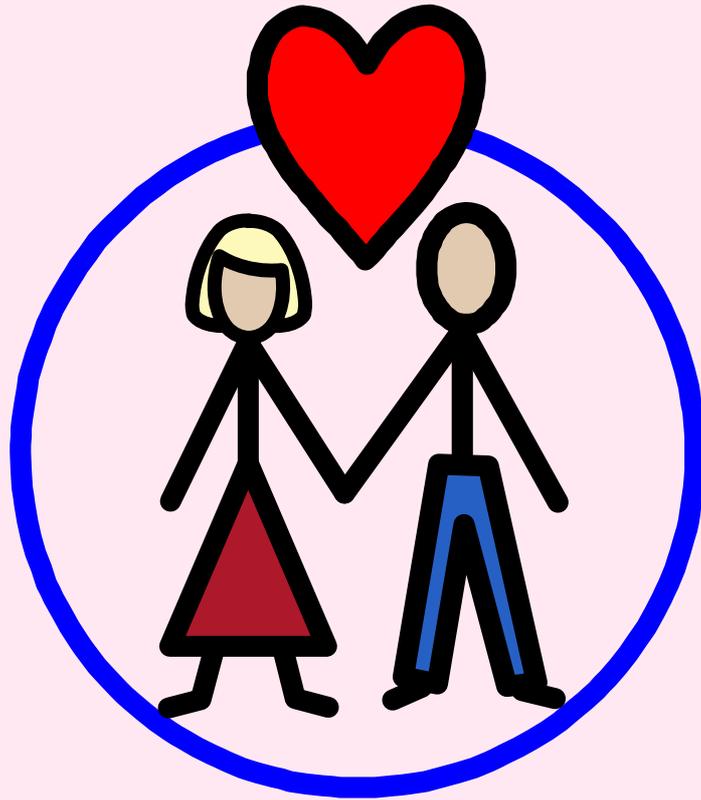


Marilyn started her own film production company.

This was called Marilyn Monroe Productions.

This gave Marilyn more creative control.

She could choose her own projects and directors.

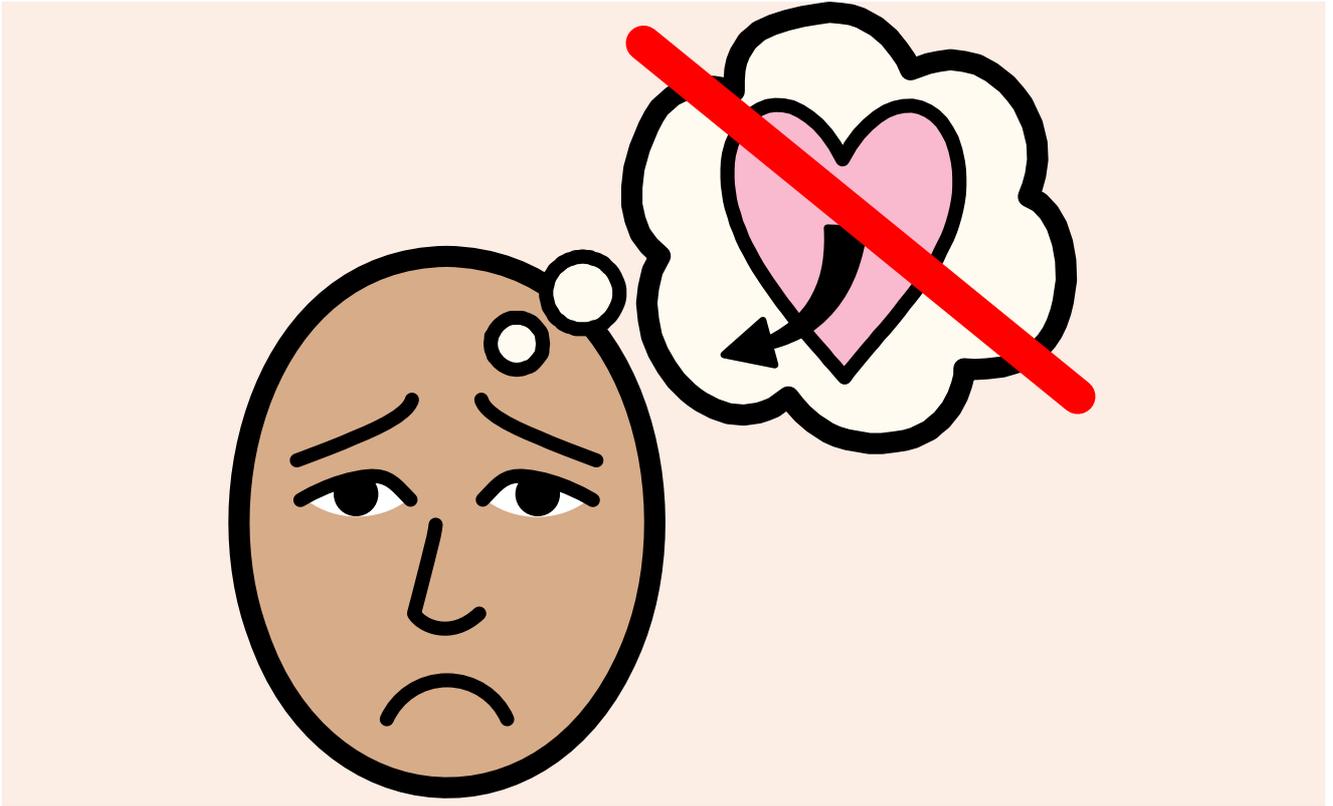


In 1954 Marilyn married baseball star Joe DiMaggio.

The marriage only lasted 9 months.

Marilyn married author Arthur Miller in 1956.

Marilyn and Arthur divorced in 1961.



Marilyn died in Los Angeles on 4 August 1962.

Marilyn was only 36 years old.

Her funeral was on 8th August 1962.

Marilyn was grieved by fans around the world.



Marilyn became an icon of American popular culture.

She became famous all over the world.

Hundreds of books have been written about Marilyn.

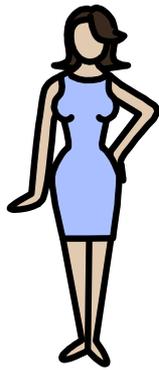
She is the subject of films, plays, operas and songs.



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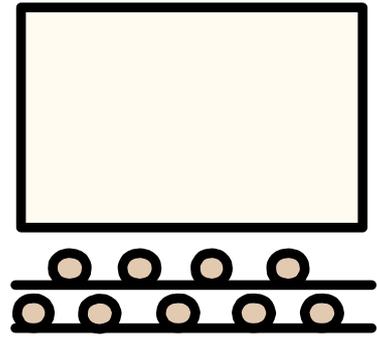
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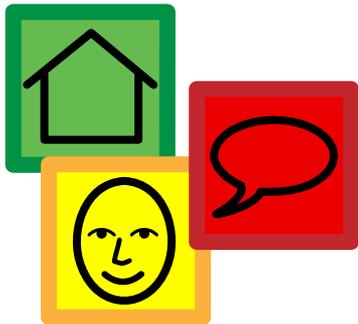
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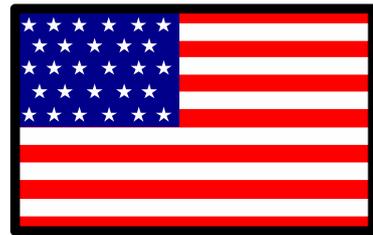
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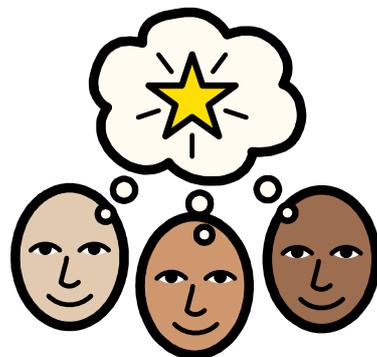
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