READING

Instructions 1: Imagine you are going to be interviewed by a journalist on a TV program for teenagers about the subject you know a lot about. Think about the questions and make notes:

1. what is your specialist subject?

2. What do you know about it?

Instructions 2: Write about your specialist subject and what you can say about it.

Instructions 3: Read the article match the people with descriptions.

1. Guy Gomma	a) an expert
2. Guy Kewney	b) a candidate for job
3. Karen Bowerman	c) a journalist

A tale of two Guys

When Guy Goma went for a job interview at the BBC he was very surprised by the questions the interviewer was asking him. He'd applied for a job in the computing department. Why did the woman want him to answer questions about a big legal case involving a famous music company? He was even more surprised when he found that he was answering these questions live on television.

Mr Goma had been waiting in a reception room at Television Centre when an assistant came up and asked him if he was Guy. When he said 'yes', she told him to follow her to a TV studio. The next thing he knew, he was on national television. At the same time, Guy Kewney, the editor of Newswireless.net, sat in another reception room wondering why he was waiting so long.

Mr Goma later described the interview as being 'very stressful' but he did his best to answer the questions from the BBC business journalist Karen Bowerman. At first, Mr Goma looked very nervous, but after a while he seemed to be enjoying himself. When Karen asked him to talk about the result of the court case, he said that it was 'a big surprise'. He then went on to say that more and more people were downloading music from the Internet because it was very easy. At that point Karen Bowerman appeared to realise something was wrong and very professionally ended the interview after only three questions.

Afterwards, Mr Goma said his interview had been very short but that he'd be happy to come back any time in the future to talk on national television. However, he asked to be given a few more minutes to 'get ready' next time.



Guy Goma at BBC Television Centre

The video of Mr Goma was quickly uploaded onto YouTube, where it immediately went viral.

Twenty minutes after his TV appearance, Mr Goma finally got to his real interview. Unfortunately, he did not get the job.

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Instructions 4: Read the article again. Put the events in the order they happened. Write | to 8 in the boxes.

- [ ] Mr Goma gives his opinion about downloading music.
- [ ] Mr Goma is taken to a reception area.
- [ ] The TV presenter suspects she's got the wrong man.
- [ ] Mr Goma is asked his first name.
- [ ] Mr Goma is taken to a studio.
- [ ] Mr Goma has his job interview.
- [ ] Mr Goma arrives at the BBC television centre.
- [ ] Mr Goma says he is surprised about the court case.

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