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B2 FIRST READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

WORKSHEET Reading and Use of English – Part 1

TEXT 1: YouTube Millionaire Celebrities

1. Discussion

You are going to read an article about how people make money from YouTube. Before you read, discuss these questions.

• What things do you most enjoy on YouTube?

• Why do many people prefer YouTube to watching television?

2. Read the article quickly

YouTube millionaire celebrities

Geeks, musicians, teenage boys in their bedrooms – (0) _____ can now become a global internet sensation and a millionaire in the (1) _____. In between the amusing videos of animals doing strange things and skateboarding accidents, people are building (2) _____ by uploading videos.

In (3) _____ years, there have been many success stories of people who started at home with just a webcam and have now huge followings. With over 100 million visitors to YouTube every month, advertisers have started (4) _____ on the most popular video makers to take advantage of their loyal (5) _____. Last year, 'YouTuber' Michael Buckley (6) _____ that he was making over $100,000 a year from YouTube advertisements alone. The YouTube payment system works on a pay-per-click basis. Effectively, the amount of money you (7) _____ is determined by the number of views you get. A video of around a million views, which is (8) _____ for popular YouTubers, may bring in about a thousand dollars.

(adapted from the Daily Mail)

3. For questions 1–8

Read the article again and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

0	A someone	B anyone	C everyone	D all
1	A way	B process	C method	D manner
2	A work	B jobs	C careers	D occupations
3	A recent	B last	C past	D latest
4	A aiming	B directing	C focusing	D pointing
5	A public	B people	C watchers	D spectators
6	A informed	B told	C reminded	D announced
7	A gain	B pay	C win	D earn
8	A conventional	B typical	C traditional	D everyday

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4. Now check your answers to Exercise 3

Use these clues:

1 This phrase means 'one thing happens as a result of the other'.

2 This will be a part of their whole working life.

3 Notice the tense of the present perfect.

4 Only one option is followed by this preposition.

5 Look back to the vocabulary section in this unit.

6 This means he has said it publicly. The wrong options all need an object.

7 The correct answer is a collocation with 'money'.

8 This is normal for popular YouTubers.

Exam advice

• Read the title and the text quickly to get a general idea of what it's about.

• Deal with the gaps one by one. Read carefully before and after the gap.

• Check that the word fits into the sentence grammatically.

• Reject the options you think are wrong if unsure.

• When finished, read the whole text again to check your answers.

TEXT 1 ANSWERS

0 B anyone – Any person can become famous.

1 A way – 'in the way' expresses result/process.

2 C careers – Correct collocation: build a career.

3 A recent – Present perfect requires 'In recent years'.

4 C focusing – Correct collocation: focus on.

5 A public – Loyal public is correct collocation.

6 D announced – Means said publicly; others need an object.

7 D earn – Correct collocation: earn money.

8 B typical – Means normal for popular YouTubers.

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TEXT 2: My Sister's Circus

1. Discussion

You will read a short article by someone who worked in a circus. Before you read, discuss these questions.

• Are circuses popular in your country? Why? / Why not?

• What other traditional forms of entertainment are popular in your country? Why?

2. Read the article quickly

My sister's circus

My sister and brother-in-law, Nell and Toti, (0) _____ a circus. It is (1) _____ Giffords Circus, and it tours one of the loveliest parts of south-west England. Circuses have always been a part of Nell's life, even when we were children. When she (2) _____ Toti, she had already worked in (3) _____ circuses in Britain and Europe. She had ridden elephants, but what she really (4) _____ for was a circus of her own. If the word 'circus' (5) _____ you of clowns and lions, think again. The show is (6) _____ on traditional travelling circuses and aimed at a rural (7) _____. There are no wild animals, but horses play a leading role in performances, which are a mixture of theatre, dance, traditional circus acts and clowns. Nell had visited the circus a lot, but this time I was going to (8) _____ the summer there.

(adapted from the Daily Telegraph)

3. For questions 1–8

Read the text again and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0	A belong	B keep	C own	D possess
1	A called	B known	C named	D titled
2	A encountered	B knew	C met	D saw
3	A few	B number	C plenty	D several
4	A desired	B longed	C wanted	D needed
5	A recalls	B recollects	C remembers	D reminds
6	A based	B built	C put	D set
7	A spectator	B public	C viewer	D audience
8	A be	B pass	C spend	D stay

4. Now check your answers (TEXT 2)

Use these clues:

1 This verb means 'to have something as your property'.

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2 This word is used to introduce the name of something.

3 This verb refers to meeting someone for the first time.

4 This quantifier is used with plural countable nouns.

5 This verb is followed by the preposition 'for'.

6 This word is followed by the preposition 'on'.

7 This noun refers to a group of people watching a performance.

8 This verb collocates with 'the summer'.

TEXT 2 ANSWERS

0 C own – Correct verb: own a circus.

1 A called – Fixed structure: It is called.

2 C met – First meeting someone.

3 D several – Correct quantifier for plural noun.

4 B longed – Correct phrase: long for.

5 D reminds – Remind someone of something.

6 A based – Fixed phrase: based on.

7 D audience – Group watching a performance.

8 C spend – Fixed phrase: spend the summer.

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