Reading skills practice: Films and entertainment – exercises

Look at the magazine article and do the exercises to improve your reading skills.

Preparation

Match the words with the definitions and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

1……..	an actress	a.	a famous person
2……..	a celebrity	b.	a woman who plays the part of a character in a film or play
3……..	an award	c.	a person whose job is to wear clothes, shoes, hairstyles, etc. for fashions shows and photographs
4……..	a model	d.	a poster, picture, short film or song, etc. that helps to sell a product
5……..	an advertisement	e.	to suggest someone for an award
6……..	to star	f.	a prize given to someone for something they have done
7……..	to nominate	g.	one of the awards given every year for the best film, best actress, best actor, etc. in the film industry
8……..	an Oscar	h.	to be the most important actor in a film, play, etc.

CELEBRITY PROFILE

We all know **Katniss Everdeen** in ***The Hunger Games***, but who is the actress who plays her, **Jennifer Lawrence**?



Fast Facts

Name: **Jennifer Shrader Lawrence**
Place of birth: **Kentucky, USA**
Date of birth: **August 15, 1990**
Profession: **TV and film actress**

Jen's family

Mother: **Karen Lawrence**
Father: **Gary Lawrence**
Brothers: **Ben and Blaine Lawrence**

Did you know?
Jennifer has never had acting classes.

When she was a child Jennifer liked sports and she played hockey and basketball for an all-boys team. She also worked as a model. At the age of 14 she knew she wanted to be an actress, so she went to New York City to look for work. She appeared in advertisements for MTV and the fashion company H&M and got work as an actress on TV. Her family moved to Los Angeles so that Jennifer could work on TV and in films. In 2010 she acted in the film *Winter's Bone* and she was nominated for many awards including an Oscar. In 2012 she starred in the film *The Hunger Games* as Katniss Everdeen. When she isn't working, Jen likes painting, surfing and playing the guitar.

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1. Check your understanding: ordering

Write a number (1–7) to put these sentences about Jennifer Lawrence's life in the correct order.

……	She moved to Los Angeles.
……	She moved to New York.
……	She appeared on TV for the first time.
……	At school she played basketball for a boys' team.
……	She was nominated for an Oscar.
……	Jennifer was born in Kentucky.
……	She played Katniss Everdeen in *The Hunger Games*.

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

1.	Jennifer is American.	*True*	*False*
2.	Jennifer was born in July.	*True*	*False*
3.	She has two brothers.	*True*	*False*
4.	Jennifer took acting classes at school.	*True*	*False*
5.	Jennifer has done some modelling.	*True*	*False*
6.	Jennifer was nominated for an Oscar in 2010.	*True*	*False*
7.	She likes playing the piano.	*True*	*False*
8.	Jennifer's family supported her dreams to be an actress.	*True*	*False*

3. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle all the answers to these questions.

1.	What sports did Jennifer play at school?	basketball / surfing / hockey / tennis
2.	What films has Jennifer Lawrence starred in?	Titanic / Transformers / Winter's Bone / The Hunger Games

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3.	What cities has she lived in?	London / Los Angeles / Miami / New York
4.	What jobs has she done?	actress / model / fashion designer / waitress
5.	What does Jennifer do in her free time?	play hockey / painting / surfing / play the guitar
6.	What are her two brothers called?	Karen / Ben / Gary / Blaine

Discussion
Who is your favourite film star? Are you a fan of *The Hunger Games*?

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