

1.- Read the magazine article and complete the text with the correct verb form.

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interview    live            move            open  
start           study           talk            watch

# Oprah

## TV Star and Billionaire



### A THE WOMAN

Oprah Winfrey <sup>1</sup> is a famous American TV star. She <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in California, but she also <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an apartment in Chicago, where she <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Oprah is one of the richest women in America. She <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ millions of dollars every year. She <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money to charity.

### B HER CHILDHOOD

Oprah was born on January 29, 1954, in Kosciusko, Mississippi. Her parents were very poor. Her father, Vernon, worked in a coal mine and her mother, Vernita, cleaned houses. They couldn't look after Oprah, so she lived with her grandmother, Hattie Mae. Oprah was clever. She could read before she was three. When she was 17, she received a scholarship to Tennessee State University, where she studied drama. She also started reading the news at the local radio station.



### C HER SUCCESS

In 1984, Oprah <sup>1</sup> moved to Chicago to work on a TV talk show called *A.M. Chicago*. She <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to lots of interesting people about their problems. Oprah says,

*'People's problems are my problems.'*

The show was very successful, so in 1985, it was renamed *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. 49 million people in 134 countries <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it every week. In 1993, she <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Jackson and 100 million people <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the programme. Last year, she <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ \$260,000,000.

#### Her charity work

In 1998, Oprah <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the charity *Oprah's Angel Network* to help poor children all over the world. In 2007, she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a special school in Johannesburg, the *Oprah Winfrey Academy for Girls*. She says,

*'When I was a kid, we were poor and we didn't have much money. So what did I do? I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hard.'*

There are 152 girls at the school, Oprah calls them her daughters – the children she didn't have in real life.



2. After reading, answer the following questions.

1. Where did her father work? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did her mother do? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did Oprah live with? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did she study? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When did she interview Michael Jackson? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How much did she earn last year? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When did she open the girl's school? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did her parents earn much money? \_\_\_\_\_