READING/LISTENING

GATEWAY TO MATURITA B2 UNIT 4

LISTEN TO THE RECORDING or READ THE TEXT ABOUT THE BRITISH ILLUSIONIST CALLED DYNAMO on p.45 in your books THEN CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1 Dynamo thinks that …

a doing tricks and illusions keeps him young.

b illusions can remind us of when we were young.

c people are less happy when they get older.

2 Other children used to bully Steven because …

a of his personality and build.

b he had a strange appearance.

c he had more money than them.

3 Dynamo got better at illusionism because …

a he needed new tricks to beat the bullies.

b he wanted people to be frightened of him.

c he had a lot of free time alone.

4 At the start of his career …

a famous people asked to see his tricks.

b he made his own TV series.

c he did his tricks outside on strangers.

5 Dynamo thinks people …

a wouldn't understand if he explained his illusions.

b are more impressed as they can't explain his tricks.

c don't like it when he explains his tricks.

Did the person in the photo have an easy childhood? Why/Why not?

CRITICAL THINKING Why do you think Dynamo is so successful?

This magician can vanish and reappear on the other side of a glass window. Mobile phones miraculously appear in beer bottles. His shows are shocking – he swallows necklaces and pulls them out of his stomach.
Don´t miss his amazing show on Discovery Channel.

5 impossible illusions

1. WALKING ON WATER: Last summer Dynamo got half-way across the Thames before being hauled into a boat by cops.

2. TELEPORTING: After telling his audience to shut their eyes and reopen them moments later, he shifted himself miraculously on to the roof of a nearby block.

3. LIFTING 155kg: A bodybuilder struggled with the weight before the magician lifted it.

4. PHONE IN A BOTTLE: Mobiles can end up in the unlikeliest of places but that is where one stunned clubber phone finished up.

5. WALKING THROUGH A WINDOW: Fans including Rio Ferdinand watched in amazement as Dynamo stepped through a pane of glass.

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