VOCAB AND GRAMMAR REVIEW

talk english

Very funny

1. Read the article quickly. What is it about?

a) An unfortunate job interview.

b) A new television comedy.

c) An amusing human error.

The wrong Guy!

The story of Guy Goma is not one of stupidity. A former driver from the French Gong, Mr Goma was at the BBC TV centre for an interview, in the hope of becoming an IT assistant. So when a producer came up to him and said, “Guy Kewney, isn't it? About the IT thing?” he agreed, *1 because/due to* _____ he thought she had just got the wrong pronunciation of his surname.

Mr Goma, who had taught himself English after he moved to England four years previously, was rushed into a studio, where he found himself in front of the cameras, having questions thrown at him. How could he know that the man who'd been sitting on a nearby sofa was also called Guy? In fact Guy Kewney was an IT expert, who was waiting to go on live TV to be interviewed about a legal dispute with Apple computer.

'It all happened so fast,' Goma told The Sun newspaper. “I had just signed my name in reception when someone said 'Follow me'. She was walking so fast that I had to jog to keep up with her. *2 Even though/However* _____ a lady put some makeup on me and I was fitted with a microphone, I just thought it was all pan of the job interview and when I realised I was on air, what could I do? I just tried to answer the questions and stay calm!”

Viewers of the most watched TV interview in months — it was posted on the Internet — have reacted with a mixture of delight and sympathy to the key moment when the BBC's Karen Bowerman introduced Goma as "Guy Kewney, head of newswireless.net" Across his expressive face flit a dozen expressions in a second — mainly shock, fear, guilt and embarrassment — as he wonders what to do next. However, *3 instead of/apart from* _____ saying there had been a mistake, he answered three questions before the BBC staff became aware of what had happened and brought the item to an early close.

Mr Goma was finally taken to his interview for the IT post, but *4 even though/despite* _____ going through such a bad experience he didn't get the job.

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5 Nevertheless,/Whereas _____ Mr Goma is now in demand as a celebrity, *6 due to/since* _____ hundreds of thousands of people have now watched his television appearance online.

2. Choose correct words from 1-6 in the article.

3. Read the article again and choose the best answers to complete the sentences.

1. Guy Goma had gone to the BBC TV centre because

a) he wanted a job.

b) someone had phoned for a taxi.

c) he was being interviewed on TV

2. The confusion happened because

a) Mr Goma didn't speak any English.

b) there were two men called Guy.

c) there were two IT experts at the BBC.

3. When Mr Goma realised he was on TV, he

a) panicked.

b) went completely quiet.

c) pretended nothing was wrong.

4. The BBC staff

a) realised their mistake immediately

b) didn't realise their mistake at first.

c) didn't realise their mistake until the interview had finished.

5. Mr Goma

a) has become well known.

b) found the experience funny.

c) will be paid a lot of money by the BBC.

4. Complete this summary of the article with these connecting words.

because of	apart from	even though	whereas	instead of	as

1. Guy Goma was at the BBC *because of* a job interview.
2. _____ the two men had the same name, the producer got confused.
3. _____ the producer Said the wrong name, Guy still went with her.
4. Guy Kewney is an IT expert, _____ Guy Goma is an IT assistant.

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5. Mr Goma tried to answer the interviewer's questions _____ explaining it was a mistake.
6. _____ looking a bit shocked, Goma gave no other sign that there was something wrong.

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