PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 12

1 **OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Who do you agree with most?

2 Read Hina's text and then watch the video from 0:10–0:25. Underline the words in *italics* that you hear.

I like reading about [1]*well-known/famous* people and finding out about their [2]*life/lives*. But I [3]*wouldn't/don't* want to be famous myself. I'm happy [4]*being/to be* a normal person, [5]*doing/having* a normal job. How do you feel about [6]*being famous/fame*? Would you like [7]*being/to be* famous?



3 Look at the people below and read the sentences about them. Then watch the video from 0:25–2:53 and tick true or false (T/F) for each sentence.



1 He wouldn't particularly like to be famous. T✓ F



2 She'd love to be famous. T F



3 He'd like to be famous for doing charitable work. T F



4 She'd like to be a famous writer. T F



5 She prefers to be anonymous, not famous. T F



6 She'd like to meet John Lennon. T F

Glossary: *charitable* = help people who need it
anonymous = nobody knows their name

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4 ***Would they like to be famous?*** **Look at the people below and read the multiple choice answers. Watch the video from 0:25–1:15 and circle the words you hear: a, b or c.**



1 She _____ to be famous.
a) would like b) would love
c) wouldn't like



2 She _____ to be famous.
a) wants b) doesn't want
c) wouldn't like



3 She'd like to be famous but _____ famous.
a) not very b) not too
c) not really



4 She thinks people are too interested _____ fame these days.
a) in b) about c) with



5 She wouldn't like to be really famous because you don't have _____ on your own.
a) the time b) a time c) time



6 He used to think that being famous _____ be great.
a) is b) would c) wouldn't

5 ***What would they like to be famous for?*** **Read the pairs of sentences 1–6 and watch the video from 1:15–1:55. Tick (✓) the answers you hear, a or b.**

1a) I'd like to be famous for doing something new and exciting. ☑
b) I'd like to be famous for doing something new and interesting. ☐
2a) These days, I'd like to be famous for doing something worthwhile. ☐
b) These days, I want to be famous for creating something worthwhile. ☐
3a) Maybe for being an actress. ☐
b) Maybe being a model. ☐
4a) I'd like to be a famous graphic designer, but that's not really fame. ☐
b) I'd like to be well-known as a graphic designer, but that's not real fame. ☐
5a) If I were to be famous, I would like to be famous for an amazing invention. ☐
b) If I became famous, I would like it to be for inventing something amazing. ☐
6a) I suppose for making films. ☐
b) I suppose directing films. ☐

Glossary: ***worthwhile*** = **useful or enjoyable**

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6 *Which famous person would they most like to meet?* **Watch the video from 1:56–2:53 and underline the answers you hear. There are three extra names.**

Barack Obama	Ranulph Fiennes	Shakira	Fidel Castro	Mischa Barton	Dalai Lama
Bob Dylan	David Beckham	Edmund Hillary	Daniel Craig	Johnny Depp	

7 **Why would they like to meet the famous people in Exercise 6? Look at the people below and read their reasons. Then watch the video from 1:56–2:53 again and match the people to their reasons.**













1 Because of his Arctic exploration, and the fact that he's been able to go where other people haven't. [E]
2 I'd love to meet a famous explorer. [ ]
3 She does loads of different things, and I think she's really pretty, and I like her style. [ ]
4 I enjoy his movies a good deal. [ ]
5 I really like his music. [ ]
6 He's really good looking. [ ]

Glossary: *an explorer* = travels to places nobody has ever been to
loads (informal) = a lot
a good deal = very much/a lot

8 **VOCABULARY: Look at the people below and complete their sentences with the prepositions: *for, with, in, of*. Watch the video from 0:25–1:55 and check your answers.**





If I was going to be famous [1]*for* anything, that would probably be what I'd like to be famous [2]_____.

I think that people are too obsessed [3]_____ fame, too interested [4]_____ fame these days.

I think it's very easy to get obsessed with the good things that fame can bring, like the free gifts, and the doors opening [5]_____ you, and that kind of side [6]_____ things.

9 **PERSONALISATION: Write your opinions using the prompts below. Use examples from the video if appropriate.**

I *would/wouldn't* like to be famous because _____
_____.

If I were famous, I'd like to be famous for _____.

I'd most like to meet _____ because _____.

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