Too much Too Young?

READING COMPREHENSION

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1. LISTEN AND READ THE WEBPAGE.

THE WOW FACTOR

Many people dream of fame and fortune, but teen singer Gary Williams, who recently won the TV talent show ***The Wow Factor!***, has found it a disappointing experience.

Since seventeen-year-old Gary won the competition, he has moved with his family to a large country house with a big swimming pool. He has left school to concentrate on his career in show business and has a personal tutor to help him with his exams. However, Gary is bored with his new life.

"I've got lots of money now, but I miss school," he told us. *"It was exciting at first, but it isn't now. I don't often see my friends and I don't like all the travelling. I think maybe I'll go back to school."*

How would YOU feel if you were in Gary's situation? Would you miss anything? We'd love to hear your views.

If I had his opportunities, I wouldn't look back. Chances like that don't come along very often. So, if I were you, Gary, I'd stay there! PS I voted for him. He's amazing!

Jackson17, Cardiff

I think I can understand. If you were rich and famous, like Gary, how would you know your real friends? Some people would only like you for your money. I'd hate it!

dustyrose, Leeds

I'd probably feel the same if I was Gary. I think I would be quite lonely if I didn't see my school friends any more. I think I would miss them and regret moving away.

mayab, Malvern

If I could change places with Gary, I'd do it straightaway. He's incredibly lucky. It's the chance of a lifetime.

twinkle, Swansea

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2. READ THE WEBPAGE AND MATCH THE WORDS (1–6) TO THE DEFINITIONS (A–F).

1) DISSAPOINTING
2) TUTOR
3) COME ALONG
4) LONELY
5) REGRET
6) MISS

A. To feel sorry or unhappy about something you did.

B. A teacher who gives private lessons to a student outside school.

C. To feel sad because you cannot see a person.

D. To occur or arrive by chance.

E. Not as good as you had hoped or expected.

F. Feeling sad because you are alone or do not have anyone you can spend time with.

3. READ THE WEBPAGE AND ANSWER TRUE OR FALSE.

1) Gary won a swimming competition. .....
2) He moved house. .....
3) He misses his old life. .....
4) Jackson17 doesn't like Gary. .....
5) dustyrose and mayab would like to change places with Gary. .....
6) twinkle doesn't understand Gary's problem. .....

3. READ THE WEBPAGE AND ANSWER.

1) How **would** Gary **feel if** he **could** see his school friends?

   A. He **would feel** lonely. B. He **would feel** bored. C. He **would feel** pleased.

2) **If** his job **didn't involve** a great deal of travelling, what **would** he **do**?

   A. He'**d go** back to school. B. He'**d enter** a new singing competition.

   C. He'**d move** with his friends to a big country house.

3) **If** he **saw** his friends more often, **would** he **regret** his new lifestyle?

   A. Yes, he **would**. B. No, he **wouldn't**.

4) How **would** *"twinkle"* **feel if** she **were** in Gary's situation?

   A. She'**d feel** bored. B. She'**d feel** lucky. C. She'**d feel** lonely.

5) How **would** you **feel if** you **were** in Gary's situation?