

A  Listen to the podcast. **Circle** True or False for each statement.

1 Melanie's fashion blog is not as popular as her video channel. **True / False**

2 The goal of her video channel was to reach one million viewers. **True / False**

3 Melanie thinks that taking a risk is worth it. **True / False**

4 People like Melanie's videos because she speaks about only the best fashion. **True / False**

_____ / 8 (2 points each)

B **Circle** the correct answers to complete the conversation.**Matthew** How long have you been ¹giving up / ²keeping up / ³working at that presentation, Anna?**Anna** Too long! I want to make sure it really ²works out / ³stands out / ⁴gives up from the others. I just need to ³figure out / ⁴get over / ⁵set up how to put a video into my document. It's a great idea, and I don't really want to ⁴give over / ⁵give up it / ⁶give it up.**Matthew** I tried that for one of my presentations, and I couldn't get the video to play. I ⁵gave up / ⁶set up / ⁷kept up in the end. It was so embarrassing in front of all those people. It took me a long time to ⁶work at / ⁷get over / ⁸set up that experience. I hope everything ⁷works out / ⁸works out / ⁹works at for you.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

C Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

advantage consider disadvantage goals option research rewards risk situation

Elizabeth How's your search for a job going, Anthony?**Anthony** I've done a lot of ¹research and I can't decide between applying for a job in a small company or a big one. The biggest ²risk of the big company is that it is a long way away, and I hate driving. But the big ³advantage is that the salary is \$20,000 more.**Elizabeth** You also have to ⁴consider whether they offer you any ⁵rewards for doing good work. If I reach my ⁶goals by the end of the month, they give me a bonus of \$200. If I were in your ⁷situation, I would go for the big company. You would be taking a ⁸disadvantage with the small company. They might go out of business and you would lose your job.**Anthony** I suppose one ⁹option would be to apply for both jobs.**Elizabeth** That's a great idea!

_____ / 9 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answers.

1 I'd like to _____ sugar, but it's difficult.
A give up B give it up C give up it

2 If Matt's new job _____, they may offer him a permanent position.
A works it out B works out C works out it

3 I set up my company last year. I _____ with my sister.
A set it up B set up C set up it

4 It was difficult to get over the disappointment of losing my job. I still haven't _____.
A gotten over B gotten it over C gotten over it

5 A Have you planned where everyone needs to sit in the meeting?
B No, I haven't _____ yet.
A figured out it B figured it out C figured out

6 You have been _____ that article for a long time.
A working at B working at it C working it at

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

E Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses ().

EXAMPLE: If I _____ (be) taller, I would play (play) basketball.

1 Jack _____ (save) a lot of money if he _____ (walk) to work.

2 If I ever _____ (leave) my comfort zone, I'm sure I _____ (be) a little nervous.

3 I _____ (be) very worried if I _____ (see) a shark in the water.

4 If Ashley _____ (have) more free time, she _____ (read) more books.

5 Daniel _____ (speak) Spanish better if he _____ (live) in Mexico for six months.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

F Read the article. Then answer the questions.

FROM ZERO TO HERO

The American singer Katy Perry is known all around the world today, and some people think that she became famous suddenly. In fact, Perry experienced many challenges before getting the success she wanted.

Katy Perry was born in 1984. Her real name is Katheryn Hudson. When she was a child, she listened to gospel music with her brothers and sisters. She started singing by practicing with her sister's cassette tapes and then performed the songs for her parents. Her family was poor, and she knew that she would have to work at being a successful singer. When she was 13, she was given a guitar and started performing songs she had written herself.

In 1999, she took a risk by leaving high school to follow her dream of being a singer. She was only 15 years old. In 2001, her first album, *Katy Hudson*, came out. But only 200 copies were sold, and, soon after, the record company went out of business!

She changed her style of music from gospel to pop music and moved to Los Angeles. In 2004, she got a contract with Columbia Records, started working on her second record, and also wrote songs with a band called *The Matrix*. But, before her record was finished, the record company ended her contract.

Finally, in 2006, Perry was signed to her fourth record company, Capitol Music Group. That year she had her first successful song eleven years after getting her first guitar! Her album *One of the Boys* became a success around the world, and now she is one of the most successful female singers of all time.

Katy Perry's story shows us that to be successful you don't need to be born rich or lucky. You can be successful by working hard and not giving up. So, if you have a dream, keep on trying!

1 What point of view does the writer use?

- A first person
- B second person
- C third person

2 Before 1999, Katy Perry

- A wrote songs with her brothers and sisters.
- B made money for her family by singing in public.
- C created and sang her own songs.

3 After she left school, Perry

- A finished a new record with Columbia records.
- B had several disappointing experiences.
- C performed a concert with a band called *The Matrix*.

4 In 2006, Katy

- A had a song that was popular in many countries.
- B wrote her first pop song.
- C bought her first guitar.

5 The main goal of the article is

- A to explain how Katy Perry wrote a successful song.
- B to show that success was not quick or easy for Katy Perry.
- C to suggest that if you want to become successful, it is better to change your name.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)