

READING

My 15 minutes of fame

by Anouk | 15 September

Hi, everyone. In my post last week, I briefly mentioned that I once had some experience of being famous. Since then, I've had lots of comments asking me to say more about this. So, that's what today's blog will be about!

When I was 17, I applied to be on a TV show. It was a quiz show, and all the people **who took** part were teenagers. However, I didn't hear from the TV company until about a year later, when I suddenly got a letter, inviting me to the studio.

The quiz was fun. I wasn't at all shy in front of the cameras. Some of the questions were quite difficult, so I was **completely delighted** when I came second. My prize was a dictionary!

I couldn't wait to tell all my friends about it, but surprisingly, no one at my school was really interested. Some people didn't even believe I was on a TV show. Actually, the show I was on didn't appear on TV until months later. When that happened, things changed. Lots of people at my school saw the show. Some of them thought I was cool and wanted to ask me about the experience. But I noticed that other people were just looking at me all the time. I became known as 'that girl on the TV show'. I think a small number of people were even jealous of me, **up to a point**. One person called me 'big-headed' – saying I thought I was more important than everyone else. That wasn't nice at all.

The experience taught me that being famous – even in a small way – has **advantages and disadvantages**. But, I don't think I want to be famous again at any time in my life. Of course, I'd like to be successful in what I do. But I don't care about being **rich and famous**, and I definitely don't want lots of people talking about me!

5 Read the blog post. Choose the correct option.

- 1 The topic of Anouk's blog post is something that ...
 - a people have shown an interest in.
 - b she has already written a lot about.
 - c she is mentioning for the first time.
- 2 What does Anouk say about her experience of being on a TV show?
 - a She was surprised at how fast everything was.
 - b She was upset about not winning.
 - c She felt confident about taking part.
- 3 What does Anouk say about her friends' attitude?
 - a No one was interested in her experiences at any point.
 - b Some of them thought she was lying about her experiences.
 - c They were very excited to hear her news at first.

4 Anouk says that she disliked it when people ...

- a started talking about her.
- b thought she was too pleased with herself.
- c asked her lots of questions.

5 How does Anouk summarize her experience?

- a She is not interested in becoming famous in the future.
- b She didn't like being famous at all.
- c She only wants people to say nice things about her.

SCORE: /5

6 Read the blog post again. Match the chunks in bold (1–5) with the structures (a–e).

1 took part	a preposition + noun phrase
2 completely delighted	b verb + particle
3 up to a point	c adjective and adjective
4 advantages and disadvantages	d adverb + adjective
5 rich and famous	e noun and noun

SCORE: /5

LISTENING

7  Listen to a radio interview. Are the statements true or false?

1 Sofia is not an experienced runner.	True	False
2 Sofia helps people who have problems with their sight.	True	False
3 Sofia helps to organize marathons.	True	False
4 Sofia helped Olivia prepare for a marathon.	True	False
5 Sofia recommends that other people try guide running.	True	False

SCORE: /5

8  Listen to the radio interview again. Complete the sentences with one or two words from the interview.

- 1 Sofia has been a runner since she was _____.
- 2 She now helps people who aren't able _____.
- 3 She has a friend who helps to organize _____.
- 4 Her work as a guide runner involves _____ with the people she is helping and running with them for the whole race – staying connected to them.
- 5 Sofia suggests watching other guide runners to learn their _____.

SCORE: /5



WRITING

9 You have seen this advert on a website. Write a *How to ...* article.

Articles wanted

What is the best way to find a part-time job while studying at university or at school?

How should people look for a job? What should they do when they apply?

What are the best ways to balance working and studying at the same time?

Answer these questions in a clear and useful *How to ...* article, and we will publish the best ones on our website!

Write about 100 words.

SCORE: _____ /10

TOTAL MARKS, ALL SECTIONS: _____ /50

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