

WORKSHEET Reading and Use of English – Part 1

TEXT 1: YouTube Millionaire Celebrities

1. Discussion

You are going to read an article about how people make money from YouTube. Before you read, discuss these questions.

- What things do you most enjoy on YouTube?
- Why do many people prefer YouTube to watching television?

2. Read the article quickly

YouTube millionaire celebrities

Geeks, musicians, teenage boys in their bedrooms – (0) ____ can now become a global internet sensation and a millionaire in the (1) _____. In between the amusing videos of animals doing strange things and skateboarding accidents, people are building (2) _____ by uploading videos.

In (3) _____ years, there have been many success stories of people who started at home with just a webcam and have now huge followings. With over 100 million visitors to YouTube every month, advertisers have started (4) _____ on the most popular video makers to take advantage of their loyal (5) _____. Last year, 'YouTuber' Michael Buckley (6) _____ that he was making over \$100,000 a year from YouTube advertisements alone. The YouTube payment system works on a pay-per-click basis. Effectively, the amount of money you (7) _____ is determined by the number of views you get. A video of around a million views, which is (8) _____ for popular YouTubers, may bring in about a thousand dollars.

(adapted from the Daily Mail)

3. For questions 1–8

Read the article again and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

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| 0 A someone | B anyone | C everyone | D all |
| 1 A way | B process | C method | D manner |
| 2 A work | B jobs | C careers | D occupations |
| 3 A recent | B last | C past | D latest |
| 4 A aiming | B directing | C focusing | D pointing |
| 5 A public | B people | C watchers | D spectators |
| 6 A informed | B told | C reminded | D announced |
| 7 A gain | B pay | C win | D earn |
| 8 A conventional | B typical | C traditional | D everyday |

4. Now check your answers to Exercise 3

Use these clues:

- 1 This phrase means 'one thing happens as a result of the other'.
- 2 This will be a part of their whole working life.
- 3 Notice the tense of the present perfect.
- 4 Only one option is followed by this preposition.
- 5 Look back to the vocabulary section in this unit.
- 6 This means he has said it publicly. The wrong options all need an object.
- 7 The correct answer is a collocation with 'money'.
- 8 This is normal for popular YouTubers.

Exam advice

- Read the title and the text quickly to get a general idea of what it's about.
- Deal with the gaps one by one. Read carefully before and after the gap.
- Check that the word fits into the sentence grammatically.
- Reject the options you think are wrong if unsure.
- When finished, read the whole text again to check your answers.

TEXT 1 ANSWERS

- 0 B anyone – Any person can become famous.
- 1 A way – 'in the way' expresses result/process.
- 2 C careers – Correct collocation: build a career.
- 3 A recent – Present perfect requires 'In recent years'.
- 4 C focusing – Correct collocation: focus on.
- 5 A public – Loyal public is correct collocation.
- 6 D announced – Means said publicly; others need an object.
- 7 D earn – Correct collocation: earn money.
- 8 B typical – Means normal for popular YouTubers.

TEXT 2: My Sister's Circus

1. Discussion

You will read a short article by someone who worked in a circus. Before you read, discuss these questions.

- Are circuses popular in your country? Why? / Why not?
- What other traditional forms of entertainment are popular in your country? Why?

2. Read the article quickly

My sister's circus

My sister and brother-in-law, Nell and Toti, (0) ____ a circus. It is (1) ____ Giffords Circus, and it tours one of the loveliest parts of south-west England. Circuses have always been a part of Nell's life, even when we were children. When she (2) ____ Toti, she had already worked in (3) ____ circuses in Britain and Europe. She had ridden elephants, but what she really (4) ____ for was a circus of her own. If the word 'circus' (5) ____ you of clowns and lions, think again. The show is (6) ____ on traditional travelling circuses and aimed at a rural (7) _____. There are no wild animals, but horses play a leading role in performances, which are a mixture of theatre, dance, traditional circus acts and clowns. Nell had visited the circus a lot, but this time I was going to (8) ____ the summer there.

(adapted from the Daily Telegraph)

3. For questions 1–8

Read the text again and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

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| 0 A belong | B keep | C own | D possess |
| 1 A called | B known | C named | D titled |
| 2 A encountered | B knew | C met | D saw |
| 3 A few | B number | C plenty | D several |
| 4 A desired | B longed | C wanted | D needed |
| 5 A recalls | B recollects | C remembers | D reminds |
| 6 A based | B built | C put | D set |
| 7 A spectator | B public | C viewer | D audience |
| 8 A be | B pass | C spend | D stay |

4. Now check your answers (TEXT 2)

Use these clues:

- 1 This verb means 'to have something as your property'.

- 2 This word is used to introduce the name of something.
- 3 This verb refers to meeting someone for the first time.
- 4 This quantifier is used with plural countable nouns.
- 5 This verb is followed by the preposition 'for'.
- 6 This word is followed by the preposition 'on'.
- 7 This noun refers to a group of people watching a performance.
- 8 This verb collocates with 'the summer'.

TEXT 2 ANSWERS

- 0 C own – Correct verb: own a circus.
- 1 A called – Fixed structure: It is called.
- 2 C met – First meeting someone.
- 3 D several – Correct quantifier for plural noun.
- 4 B longed – Correct phrase: long for.
- 5 D reminds – Remind someone of something.
- 6 A based – Fixed phrase: based on.
- 7 D audience – Group watching a performance.
- 8 C spend – Fixed phrase: spend the summer.