Callie Rice – ice dancer

Growing up, I was in an ice-skating club, and my friends and I did lots of competitions. When I was 18, I entered a big one in Italy, and I came first. The prize was a job as an ice dancer in a big show. That's how my career started.

One of the things I love about the shows is the beautiful clothes. The only trouble is that sometimes they're heavy and I get very hot. Also, I have to change lots of times in one show. The people who make the clothes are very clever – it's amazing how quickly they work!

Before the show starts, we get dressed, put our skates on, and wish each other good luck. Then, while I'm waiting to go on, I like to sit quietly by myself and think about what I'm going to do. The other skaters chat together or listen to music.

In the shows, we have to dance, sing, and also speak. For me, ice dancing is fine, but I'm not an actor. I'm always a bit scared I won't remember the words. I'm not bothered about falling – it doesn't usually happen. And I really enjoy joining in with all the songs.

People always ask me if I'm tired when each show finishes, but I love skating, so I never feel that way. I love listening to the people who came to watch – so excited as they leave, talking about what they've seen. That's when I'm really happy I chose ice dancing as a career.

1 How did Callie's career as an ice danger begin?
   - A She won a competition.
   - B She saw an advert for a job.
   - C A friend invited her to join an ice show.

2 What does Callie say about the clothes she wears?
   - A Some are prettier than others.
   - B It's hard to skate in them.
   - C Making them takes a long time.

3 What does Callie do just before each show?
   - A She talks to the other skaters.
   - B She checks her skates are okay.
   - C She takes a moment to be alone.

4 What does Callie worry about?
   - A having an accident on the ice
   - B forgetting what she has to say
   - C dancing and singing at the same time

5 How does Callie usually feel after a show?
   - A ready for a rest
   - B glad that she's finished
   - C pleased about making people happy

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Jobs we'd like to do

Artur

I've always enjoyed playing computer games and I'd like to make them when I'm older. My cousin works in IT and makes cartoons and games so I asked him if I could go to work with him. I learned so much including how to draw a simple cartoon. But it was really tiring – all I wanted to do was relax at the end of the day, not play computer games!

Mika

I love sport the most and want to teach it when I'm older. I'm good at basketball, but I need to work harder in rugby lessons so I can teach different sports. After school, I want to go to college and study sports science. After that, I want to help with after-school clubs and lessons. My uncle is a teacher so I plan to ask him if I can give drinks to the players at the American football club next week.

Henri

I play a lot of musical instruments including the piano and guitar and would love to have a career in music. Last year, I received a prize for the best young musician in my town. I want to study music at university. I probably won't get work as a musician after school so I might have to get a job in a café or restaurant first. My dream is to be paid to play in a group and travel around the world.

1 Who is going to ask a family member for help with their job plans?
A Artur B Mika C Henri

2 Who hopes to work in different countries?
A Artur B Mika C Henri

3 Who has won a competition in their chosen subject?
A Artur B Mika C Henri

4 Who needs to get better at the school subject they like best?
A Artur B Mika C Henri

5 Who has had some help from their family with their job plans?
A Artur B Mika C Henri

6 Who was ready for a break after their experience of working?
A Artur B Mika C Henri

7 Who may have to work as a waiter after school?
A Artur B Mika C Henri

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