LISTENING

Learning from people's lives

1 **Why are people often interested in the life of celebrities or famous people? Tick the possible reasons and add some more, if you can.**

- ☐ They are curious.
- ☐ They want to know more about their idols.
- ☐ They can have something to gossip about.
- ☐ They want to learn lessons from famous people's failures or successes.
- ☐ They can criticise or slander the person they do not like.
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

2 **Listen to a talk show with host Cindy Brown and guest speaker Andy Lewis, a sociologist. Choose the best answer to complete each statement.**

1. According to Cindy, our audience are _____ stories about celebrities and famous people.
   - **A.** interested in
   - **B.** overloaded with
   - **C.** bored with
2. People may use stories about our private life in order to _____.
   - **A.** damage our reputation
   - **B.** write novels
   - **C.** make films
3. We should not share too much personal information _____.
   - **A.** at parties
   - **B.** with strangers
   - **C.** online
4. Reading a person's life story critically means _____.
   - **A.** making judgements while reading it
   - **B.** making criticisms while reading it
   - **C.** reading it without finding any faults or merits

3 **Listen again. Answer the questions.**

1. What life skills does Andy think people should have?
2. According to Andy, what questions should we ask ourselves when reading or hearing a life story?
3. What can we benefit from learning about a person's failures or successes?

4 **Do you agree with Andy that everyone's life story is like a book that can teach us something? Discuss with a partner.**

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