

## 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.