

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 12

1 OVERVIEW: Watch the video. Who do you agree with most?

2 Read Hina's text and then watch the video from 0:10–0:25. Underline the words in *italics* that you hear.

I like reading about ¹*well-known/famous* people and finding out about their ²*life/lives*. But I ³*wouldn't/don't* want to be famous myself. I'm happy ⁴*being/to be* a normal person, ⁵*doing/having* a normal job. How do you feel about ⁶*being famous/fame*? Would you like ⁷*being/to be* famous?



3 Look at the people below and read the sentences about them. Then watch the video from 0:25–2:53 and tick true or false (T/F) for each sentence.



1 He wouldn't particularly like to be famous.

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2 She'd love to be famous.

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3 He'd like to be famous for doing charitable work.

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4 She'd like to be a famous writer.

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5 She prefers to be anonymous, not famous.

☐ T ☐ F


6 She'd like to meet John Lennon.

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Glossary: *charitable* = help people who need it
anonymous = nobody knows their name

- 4** *Would they like to be famous?* Look at the people below and read the multiple choice answers. Watch the video from 0:25–1:15 and circle the words you hear: a, b or c.



- 1 She _____ to be famous.
a) would like **b) would love**
c) wouldn't like



- 2 She _____ to be famous.
a) wants b) doesn't want
c) wouldn't like



- 3 She'd like to be famous but _____ famous.
a) not very b) not too
c) not really



- 4 She thinks people are too interested _____ fame these days.
a) in b) about c) with



- 5 She wouldn't like to be really famous because you don't have _____ on your own.
a) the time b) a time c) time



- 6 He used to think that being famous _____ be great.
a) is b) would c) wouldn't

- 5** *What would they like to be famous for?* Read the pairs of sentences 1–6 and watch the video from 1:15–1:55. Tick (✓) the answers you hear, a or b.

- 1a) I'd like to be famous for doing something new and exciting.
b) I'd like to be famous for doing something new and interesting.
- 2a) These days, I'd like to be famous for doing something worthwhile.
b) These days, I want to be famous for creating something worthwhile.
- 3a) Maybe for being an actress.
b) Maybe being a model.
- 4a) I'd like to be a famous graphic designer, but that's not really fame.
b) I'd like to be well-known as a graphic designer, but that's not real fame.
- 5a) If I were to be famous, I would like to be famous for an amazing invention.
b) If I became famous, I would like it to be for inventing something amazing.
- 6a) I suppose for making films.
b) I suppose directing films.

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Glossary: *worthwhile* = useful or enjoyable

- 6 Which famous person would they most like to meet? Watch the video from 1:56–2:53 and underline the answers you hear. There are three extra names.

Barack Obama	Ranulph Fiennes	Shakira	Fidel Castro	Mischa Barton	Dalai Lama
Bob Dylan	David Beckham	Edmund Hillary	Daniel Craig	Johnny Depp	

- 7 Why would they like to meet the famous people in Exercise 6? Look at the people below and read their reasons. Then watch the video from 1:56–2:53 again and match the people to their reasons.



- 1 Because of his Arctic exploration, and the fact that he's been able to go where other people haven't.
- 2 I'd love to meet a famous explorer.
- 3 She does loads of different things, and I think she's really pretty, and I like her style.
- 4 I enjoy his movies a good deal.
- 5 I really like his music.
- 6 He's really good looking.

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Glossary: an explorer = travels to places nobody has ever been to
loads (informal) = a lot
a good deal = very much/a lot

- 8 **VOCABULARY:** Look at the people below and complete their sentences with the prepositions: *for, with, in, of*. Watch the video from 0:25–1:55 and check your answers.



If I was going to be famous ¹for anything, that would probably be what I'd like to be famous ²_____.



I think that people are too obsessed ³_____ fame, too interested ⁴_____ fame these days.



I think it's very easy to get obsessed with the good things that fame can bring, like the free gifts, and the doors opening ⁵_____ you, and that kind of side ⁶_____ things.

- 9 **PERSONALISATION:** Write your opinions using the prompts below. Use examples from the video if appropriate.

I would/wouldn't like to be famous because _____

If I were famous, I'd like to be famous for _____

I'd most like to meet _____ because _____