

Diva of magic

Romany is an international star. She works around the world on cruise ships, performing a funny, entertaining magic show. She is very successful. 1. _____

Although Romany has an extraordinary life, her early life was very ordinary. As a child, she loved ballet. 2. _____ She was very good at it, and at the age of fifteen, she was given a role in a show. 3. _____ She managed to stay very slim, but she developed a serious eating problem.

After that, she decided to give up ballet. She got a degree and had a successful career in sales. However, she never stopped wanting to be a performer. So she joined a circus club, and before long, she started doing jobs occasionally. 4. _____ She was working all day and spending all her free time doing circus work. 5. _____

She knew that she couldn't continue living this way. So she took time out to decide what she really wanted. She realized she wanted to work on stage. However, she wasn't sure what to do.

6. _____ But then she had an idea. She would become a magician! She quit her job and applied to the National Centre of Circus Arts to study magic. She has never looked back!

Recently, Romany wrote a book about how she became a star. 7. _____ Romany hopes that the people who read it will feel able to live their dreams, too, just like she did. Like her, we all have complicated lives, but we can overcome our problems and live the life we've always wanted.

- a. She writes honestly about her worries and problems, and how she never gave up on her dreams.
- b. But to take part, she had to stay on a very strict diet.
- c. She even performed at Queen Elizabeth's II's birthday party!
- d. She hoped that one day she would work as a dancer.
- e. She became very stressed and tired, and her eating problems returned.
- f. She enjoyed this time, but it was hard for her.
- g. She was too old to dance and could not act or play a musical instrument.