

Section 1

Reading

1 Read the questions and the story below. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

- 1 What has Ted accepted?
 - A He won't be in Hollywood films again.
 - B It will take a long time to become famous.
 - C He won't become famous.
 - D He'll only win small awards.
- 2 In films, Ted
 - A starred with very big names.
 - B became rich and successful.
 - C earned millions of dollars.
 - D was one of the big names.
- 3 Ted realised that being famous is not always good because
 - A it's difficult to have a private life.
 - B you can't find comfortable places.
 - C it's difficult to make real friends.
 - D buying nice clothes is expensive.
- 4 Ted believes that being a popular celebrity means you have to
 - A appear in the media all the time.
 - B be a better actor than other stars.
 - C tell lies to the media all the time.
 - D read lots of newspapers every day.
- 5 Which of these might Ted say?
 - A If I'm in another film, I might become a star.
 - B My family is more important than fame.
 - C Perhaps I can be famous in the theatre.
 - D When I make millions, I'll have a good life.

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Ted McCarthy – Nearly famous

Ted McCarthy has always wanted to be famous and he has been trying to become a well-known actor for a long time now. He has been working as an actor for more than ten years, but now he finally accepts that he's not going to be a star or win any big awards.

Ted has been in a few Hollywood films – never as the star, of course. He has been in films with the big names like John Travolta, Bruce Willis, Julia Roberts and Angelina Jolie. They are all rich and successful, but Ted isn't. It's not that he doesn't have a good life. He's got children, a lovely wife and

a small but comfortable house. He earns a good living, just not millions as he had once hoped.

He has, however, realised that his life is better than those who have become stars. For one thing, he doesn't have to worry about being in the public eye. After all, it can be rather uncomfortable for celebrities when they lose their private life. Celebrities always have to worry about what they look like and never have a quiet moment with their family or friends.

Ted also realised that it's not easy

maintaining your popularity. It takes more than just hard work to be more popular than other actors. He decided that he didn't want stories about everything he did in the media every day, and that he would never be ready to read lies about himself in the papers just to be famous. When Ted finally accepted not being famous, he started to enjoy it. He started to really appreciate the life he has.

He is going to take his family on a camping trip at the weekend without worrying at all about his next job. He just wants to relax under the stars with his family and enjoy their company.

Listening CD Track 5

2 You will hear a woman talking about her favourite star. For each question, write a word or short phrase in each gap to complete the sentences.

- 1 Goldi was born in _____
- 2 The film *Look Out Everybody* was very _____
- 3 Goldi has three _____
- 4 In the late 1990s she was _____ for a while.
- 5 Now she is a TV _____

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Section 2

Vocabulary

3 Rearrange the letters to find words about famous people.

- 1 lecebtiries _____
- 2 weretiviv _____
- 3 storaluijn _____
- 4 ademi _____
- 5 srats _____

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4 Complete the sentences using the correct words and phrases in the box.

get on really well • came • includes
specialises • end • contact • like • have
produce • either way • runs

- 0 Some people are good at singing and some others at acting. Either way, one can become a star.
- 1 This record company _____ in pop music.
- 2 I want to be famous but I don't want to _____ up having no private life.
- 3 Is it true that famous actors usually _____ arguments with the directors?
- 4 Steven Spielberg is planning to _____ a new film.
- 5 My uncle _____ a small record company.
- 6 The truth is that Robbie Williams and Nicole Kidman _____. Actually, they've become good friends.
- 7 Mr Bean's latest film _____ out last week.
- 8 The cast _____ many young actors.
- 9 What's it _____ being a star?
- 10 If you want to _____ Leonardo DiCaprio, send a letter to his fan club.

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Grammar

5 Choose the correct answer.

- 0 He's been performing since/for he was 10.
- 1 'Where's Jim?' 'He's gone/been to the cinema.'
- 2 I've read/been reading this novel many times.
- 3 He's been writing/written his autobiography for 2 years and hasn't finished it yet!
- 4 I've already/yet seen this film.
- 5 The programme hasn't finished already/yet.
- 6 Omar Sharif hasn't starred in a film for/since 15 years.
- 7 He's worked/been working for the media for 20 years.
- 8 Have you ever met/been meeting a celebrity?
- 9 I already/still haven't understood who killed the hero.
- 10 She's been listening/listened to music in her room all day long.

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6 Complete each sentence using the word given so that it means the same as the sentence before it. Use no more than five words.

- 0 Everybody in the class is younger than Justin. the
Justin is the oldest student in the class.
- 1 Mary is taller than Donna. as
Donna is not _____ Mary.
- 2 His latest movie is not as good as the previous one. than
His latest movie _____ the previous one.
- 3 There's no singer like her. She is number one in the world. best
She is _____ in the world.
- 4 A cinema ticket is usually cheaper than a concert ticket. more
A concert ticket is usually _____ a cinema ticket.
- 5 Happiness is more important than money. less
Money is _____ happiness.

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Use of English

- 7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Do's and don'ts famous for those who want to be famous

☞ Don't be (0) impatient (patient).

All celebrities worked (1) harder (hard) than you can imagine to become successful.

☞ Don't be (2) dishonest (honest) about your career so far. No-one is going to believe you sang on stage with Madonna and Michael Jackson. If you lie, you'll only end up (3) unemployed (employed).

☞ Do find out more about yourself. Find out what you can really do (4) better (good) than the others, eg dance or sing. If you are (5) certain (certain) about your ability to do something, try it.

☞ Do work (6) on (much) on your weak points and spend (7) little (little) time day-dreaming.

☞ Do prepare yourself for the interviews. The last thing you want is to feel (8) uncomfortable (comfortable) with some unexpected questions.

☞ Don't look (9) untidy (tidy), especially during an interview.

☞ Good luck! For (10) far (far) information, you can call our support line on 000443212345.

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Writing

- 8 A friend of yours has written to you asking for help with a school project. Read the extract from your friend's letter and the notes you've made. Write the second paragraph to finish your letter.

I love the songs. Can you tell me more about her?

Her name is Shakira.

How long has she been singing?

Since she was a child

What makes her so popular?

Voice, dance, video

Have you ever been to one of her concerts?

No, she may visit our area next year.

Dear Georgia,

Thanks for your letter. I'm glad you liked the CD. Let me answer your questions.

Anyway, if you've got more questions, don't hesitate to ask. Drop me a line and let me know if the project was successful.

All the best,

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