

Reading exam

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A career on TV

Susi Weaser was a popular presenter on TV, but she didn't even have a proper interview for the role. She got the job because of her presence on social media.

When she was 24, Susi had been working for an advertising agency as a public relations advisor. But, in her spare time, she'd been posting video demonstrations of gadgets online. Then, she got a new job and her fans could see her every Sunday morning on BBC2's *Something for the Weekend show*.

TV producer Mike Worsley saw Susi's videos online. He had a good idea of what she'd be like on screen before they ever met in person. Indeed, there was only a quick phone call and a short screen test. These were enough to convince the show's producers to give her a position.

Susi's presenting job involved researching gadgets and selecting the ones to demonstrate on the show. She had a week to draw up her shortlist; then she got the TV crew to purchase the gadgets to review. The segment was always filmed on Sunday, and broadcast live. Susi would arrive early, then sit in the 'green room', going through her notes as she waited to go on air. That is if she wasn't overwhelmed by all the celebrity guests who were also sitting there, waiting for their chance to speak to the nation.

Susi admitted to feeling anxious about people watching her. But she also felt reassured by the fact that other people were in charge rather than just her.

At the height of her fame, Susi sometimes felt regretful that friends of hers who'd worked hard to get into TV or acting hadn't been so lucky. But now she's pleased about her unexpected move from a hobby into the world of journalism.

1) Read the article and choose the correct answers:

1. Before the BBC, Susi had a job ...

A selling gadgets online.

B advising an advertising company.

C developing social media apps.

2. Before each show, Susi spent the week ...

A finding the gadgets she wanted to demonstrate.

B filming segments for the Sunday broadcast.

C doing research on the celebrity guests.

2) Read the article again and decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F). Give evidence from the text for your answers.

1. Susi started working for the BBC before she was 24.

T / F _____

2. Mike discovered Susi on social media.

T / F _____

3. Find sentences in the article that mean what has been paraphrased below:

1. The people in charge of the programme had sufficient reason to offer her a job.

2. Her online activity was the reason she found employment.
