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Interviewer: My guest today, Donna Denton, is a familiar face, having appeared in a number of highly successful television (1) _____ series. But Donna's not just an actress, she's also a talented (2) _____. and dancer. Which came first, Donna?

Donna: Dancing. When I was nine, my mum decided I needed a (3) _____ Some of my friends went horse-riding and I wanted to try it too, but it cost quite a bit. Nothing was said, but although my parents worked hard, there was never money to spare. So I chose to go to dancing classes across the road; two hours a week at only fifty pounds an hour. I'm sure Mum was (4) _____.

The teacher was very tall and glamorous. She immediately sent me right to the back of the class. I didn't mind because I was out of (5) _____. I didn't realize that was where the worst dancers were (6) _____.

I slowly worked my way forward, and it was a proud day when I made it to the (7) _____ row.

To get into stage school, I had to perform in an (8) _____ in front of about twenty people. I was offered a free place for a year, which was very (9) _____.

At school, I had to wear a special red jacket even outside the building, which made me feel (10) _____ when other kids laughed at me.

Once every term, I had to perform in front of the whole school. I was very (11) _____, but it helped build my confidence.

In the final year, there was a singing (12) _____, and I surprisingly won it.

After school, I worked as a backing vocalist, but it was hard to make my name as a (13) _____ singer.

Later, I became more (14) _____ with the public through TV drama series.

Finally, I was invited on a world tour, but I had to turn it down because of a stage (15) _____ in London.

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