

18 – Fame and Celebrities

Useful Vocabulary

well-known	always be in the headlines	obsession with
star	household name	public opinion
celeb	high profile	the media
celebrity	trend setter	controversial
stardom	status	coverage
fame	persevere	hype
become famous overnight	perseverance	gossip
rise to fame	glamorous	career
be destined for fame	idol	appearance
claim to fame	be a big fan of	achievement
gain a (good) reputation (for one's self)	autograph	failure
big break	fascinating	make a fortune
make the headlines	fascinated by	outstanding
	obsessed with	



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Practice Questions

1. Which celebrity do you most admire? Why?
2. Is there any celebrity you especially dislike? Why?
3. Do you follow posts and articles on the media about celebrities? Why or why not?
4. How would you react if you met one of your favorite celebrities in person?
5. Have you ever met a real celebrity? If so, describe your experience. If not, which celebrity would you most like to meet and why?
6. If you could change places with a celebrity for a day, which celebrity would you choose to be and why?
7. Do you know anyone who is obsessed with a specific celebrity or with celebrities in general? If so, describe that person and his / her obsession. If not, why do you think such obsessions exist?
8. Would you like to be famous? Why or why not?
9. Would you want to marry someone famous? Why or why not?
10. If you suddenly became famous, how would your life change?
11. If you suddenly became famous, what would you do to make the world a better place?
12. What are the advantages and disadvantages of fame?
13. Why do you think that people are so interested in reading and hearing about celebrities?
14. How do you think a regular person could become famous / a celebrity? Explain.
15. What traits do you think that a person needs to have in order to become famous? Explain.
16. Do you think that famous people have the right to privacy in their personal life? Why or why not?
17. Do you think the salaries paid to celebrities, for example, movie stars or supermodels, are fair or too high? Explain your opinion.
18. In your opinion, does fame lead to happiness? Why or why not?
19. Do you think that celebrities make good role models? Explain.
20. Do you think that celebrities influence public opinion too much? Why or why not?



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