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SAMPLE PAGES

She's a well-known celebrity.

➡ Read this **article** about Angelina Jolie, a famous celebrity.

Angelina Jolie is a very talented actress. She is well known and very popular and her name is always in the news.



She was born in 1975 in California and now lives with famous actor Brad Pitt. She has six children; Brad is the father of three of them. Angelina appeared in her first film in 1993, but it wasn't a hit. The film that made her a superstar was *Girl, Interrupted*, which was a huge success in 1999. She has starred in many other successful films since then. *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider* is probably the most famous.

Angelina is of medium height and very slim. She has got long brown hair and blue eyes. She likes to wear casual clothes, especially jeans and tops. She is a very pleasant person, but can be a bit moody. She enjoys spending time with her children more than anything else.

Angelina will definitely be appearing in more films in the future, but not as many as before. She is hoping to spend more time with her children. Let's hope she doesn't stay away for too long, as I, personally, will miss her.

FACT FILE

Tom Cruise

FACT FILE

Britney Spears

FACT FILE

Angelina Jolie

AGE:	35
BORN:	California
STATUS:	lives with Brad Pitt - 6 children
FIRST FILM:	1993
FIRST BIG HIT:	1999 - <i>Girl, Interrupted</i>
PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:	medium height, slim, long brown hair, blue eyes
DRESS STYLE:	casual clothes - jeans, tops
CHARACTER:	pleasant but moody
ENJOYS:	spending time with her children
PRESENT / FUTURE PLANS:	more films planned - not as many, hopes to spend more time with her children



LANGUAGE ACTIVATOR

1 Find a word in the **article** that means the same as the word(s) in **colour** in the sentence.

a

- His books are **well liked**. _____
- J.K. Rowling is a **well-known** author. _____
- John isn't tall and he isn't short. He is of **average** height. _____
- She is a kind, **friendly** person. _____

b

- Lindsay Lohan likes going out, **particularly** to parties! _____
- His best-known film is **without doubt** *Lord of the Rings*. _____
- I **myself**, think he is one of the best singers in the world. _____

2 Fill in the following verbs in the *present continuous*.

play • record • star • work

- 1 At present, she _____ a new album.
- 2 Robert _____ on a new adventure film.
- 3 In her latest film, Julia _____ the part of a jewel thief.
- 4 He _____ in a film with Courtney Fox.



3 Match the words to form the best *collocations*.

- 1 hit
- 2 blockbuster
- 3 talented
- 4 pleasant
- 5 film

- A film
- B personality
- C record
- D star
- E actor



SPEAK

- 1 Work with a partner. **Student A**, you are a reporter for a magazine; **Student B**, you are a famous singer. Use the prompts below and one of the role cards on page 65 to act out an interview.

STUDENT A

Use the prompts to ask **Student B** questions.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ➤ age? | ➤ biggest hit? |
| ➤ where born? | ➤ what clothes usually wear? |
| ➤ where live now? | ➤ enjoy? |
| ➤ married? | ➤ what do now? |
| ➤ when people first notice you? | ➤ what do future? |

Hello..., it's nice to meet you.
First of all, how old are you?

It's nice to meet you too.
Well, I'm actually ...

STUDENT B

Use the information on page 65 to answer **Student A**'s questions.

2 Describe one of these people to your partner. Use the words in the box to help you.



- ▶ tall / short / of medium height
- ▶ dark / light brown / black / blond / red hair
- ▶ blue / green / brown eyes
- ▶ T-shirt / shirt / top
- ▶ trousers / jeans / skirt
- ▶ jacket / coat
- ▶ trainers / boots / high heels



LISTEN

Part 1 Listen to this interview with famous celebrity, Oliver Plume, and tick (✓) the correct answer each time.

1 Oliver comes from

Los Angeles

Kent

Paris

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

3 When Oliver goes out to dinner, he wears



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

2 He became famous in

1998

2009

2001

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

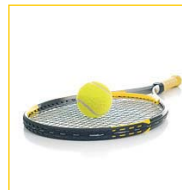
4 Oliver really likes



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

Part 2 Now listen again and complete the sentences. You will need to write one or two words.

1 Oliver is years old.

2 His first big hit was .

3 Oliver is a(n) as well as an actor.

4 Oliver thinks that his appearance is very .

5 Oliver is a(n) in the film he's working on now.

6 You can go and see his new film .



PLANNING AN ARTICLE.

1a Look at the **article** on page 5 again. There are four paragraphs in the **article**. Match each paragraph with what it is about.

Paragraph 1	<input type="radio"/>	a present and future plans, personal opinion
Paragraph 2	<input type="radio"/>	b appearance and character
Paragraph 3	<input type="radio"/>	c introducing the celebrity
Paragraph 4	<input type="radio"/>	d biographical information - family, career

b In an **article** about a famous celebrity, which paragraph would you put the following sentences in?

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 At present, she is working on a new album, and I'm sure we will see her in the charts again soon. | Paragraph _____ |
| 2 He's very popular with teenagers. | Paragraph _____ |
| 3 She likes to dress in the latest fashions. | Paragraph _____ |
| 4 He made his first appearance in the film <i>Teenage Kicks</i> . | Paragraph _____ |

2 The writer of the following **article** forgot to use paragraphs - there should be four. Mark the appropriate place in the **article** for each paragraph.



Tom Cruise is a famous actor. Everyone knows his name, and his films are very popular. He is forty-six years old and he was born in New York, although he now lives in Hollywood. He is married to actress Katie Holmes and they have a young daughter. He appeared in his first film in 1981, but it wasn't very successful. His first big hit came in 1986 in the blockbuster film, *Top Gun*. Since then he has starred in many

major films. Tom Cruise is of medium height. He has got dark brown hair and blue eyes. He usually wears jeans and T-shirts with smart jackets and sunglasses. He is very easy-going and also kind and thoughtful. He enjoys sport, especially football and jogging. At the moment, Tom is working on a new film and we will definitely see him in more exciting films in the future. I, personally, can't wait.

3a When writing an **article**, it is a good idea to give it an interesting title so that people will want to read it. Which of the following titles would be the best for the **article** on page 8?

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | TOM CRUISE IS MY FAVOURITE ACTOR | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | CRUISING TO THE TOP! | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | CRUISE IS THE BEST | <input type="checkbox"/> |

b Can you think of an interesting title for the **article** about Angelina Jolie on page 5?



COMMON ERRORS

Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentence.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 This singer is very popular to / with teenagers. | 5 Nicole Kidman has got blue big / big blue eyes. |
| 2 Johnny Depp is married with / to Vanessa Paradis. | 6 She will play / act the role of Juliet. |
| 3 He comes / is coming from Spain. | 7 He is one of / from my favourite actors. |
| 4 They work hardly / hard and are paid well. | 8 She is the more / most famous singer in my country. |

Preparation for the Writing Task

Imagine you have to write an **article** for the school magazine about a famous celebrity. Write notes next to the following questions.

Paragraph 1

- What is the celebrity's name? _____
- Is he / she well known / popular? _____

Paragraph 2

- How old is he / she? _____
- Where was he / she born and where does he / she live now? _____
- Is he / she married or single? _____
- When did he / she appear in first film / record first song? _____
- When was his / her first big hit and what was it called? _____

Paragraph 3

- What does he / she look like? _____
- What does he / she usually wear? _____
- What is his / her character like? _____
- What does he / she enjoy doing? _____

Paragraph 4

- What is he / she doing at the moment? _____
- What are his / her plans for the future? _____

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