



CELEBRITIES & FAME

Discussion

Basic questions

1 What do you mean by the word “celebrity”?

**Celebrity is...*

2 Do you know any celebrity?

**Yes, I know some celebrities. / No, I don't know any celebrity.*

3 Who is your favorite celebrity? Why?

**My favorite celebrity is... because...*

4 Have you ever dreamt of becoming a celebrity?

**Yes, I've dreamt of becoming a celebrity because... / No, I've never dreamt of becoming a celebrity because...*

5 What do you mean by the word “fame”?

**Fame is...*

6 Do you want to be a famous person?

**Yes, I want to be a famous person because... / No, I don't want to be famous because...*

Extended questions

1 Why do a lot of people follow the lives of celebrities?

**A lot of people follow celebrities because...*

2 Do you like reading some gossips in the newspaper about a celebrity?

**Yes, I like reading some gossips....because... / No, I don't like reading gossips...because...*

3 Do you think celebrities and famous people should be entitled to their private lives?

**Yes, I think they should be entitled to their private lives because... / No, I don't think they should be...*

4 What do you need to do to become famous?

**To be famous, we need to...*

5 How does fame affects someone's behavior?

**Fame affects someone's behavior through...*

6 What are the advantages and disadvantages of being one of being a famous person?

**The advantages of being famous are... / The disadvantages of being famous are...*

Vocabulary

1 Celebrity /si'lebriti/

(noun) One who is widely known and of great popular interest.

Ex. Angelina Jolie is a celebrity known for her advocacy in helping children.

2 Fame /feim/

(noun) The state of being widely known, recognized, or of great popular interest.

Ex. It is better to handle fame with humility.

3 Famous /'feiməs/

(adjective) Known to or recognized by many people; renowned

Ex. Taj Mahal is a famous tourist spot in India.

4 Role /roul/

(noun) A part or character in a play, film, etc, to be played by an actor or actress.

Ex. Lily Collins was very effective in her role as "Rosie".

5 Stardom /'stɑ:dəm/

(noun) The status of a performer or entertainer acknowledged as a star.

Ex. Many struggling actors made it to stardom.

6 Starstruck /'stɑ:strʌk/

(adjective) Fascinated by or exhibiting a fascination with famous people.

Ex. I was starstruck when I saw my favorite actress in person.

7 Talent /'tælənt/

(noun) A marked innate ability, as for artistic accomplishment.

Ex. Brad Pitt possessed a lot of talent.

Grammar

*In asking or making questions in English, we usually use auxiliary verbs like be, do, have or modal verbs such as can, will, and may.

If you want your question to have a yes or no answer, then it would be better to start it with an auxiliary or a modal verb.

Examples: a. *Do you know any celebrity?*

b. *Have you dreamt of becoming a celebrity?*

*If you want to get more information, you must start your question with one of the following question words: (WH questions) who (m), what, where, which, when, why, which, whose, how.

In these questions, you also make use of the auxiliary or modal verbs.

Examples: a. *What do you mean by the word celebrity?*

b. *What are the advantages and disadvantages of being one of being a famous person?*

Idioms / Useful Expressions

1 **A big break/ a lucky break** – to achieve a significant good fortune or opportunity.

Ex. Lily Collins had a lucky break when she starred in the movie “Rosie”.

2 **Be a victim of your own success** - when a person’s success has negative effects as well or instead of positive ones.

Ex. The team has become the victim of its own success, as not supporters have started bashing them.

3 **Someone's claim to fame** - someone's reason for being well-known or famous.

Ex. Her claim to fame is that she can recite the entire works of Shakespeare.

4 **Brush with fame** - a brief moment where a person is famous

Ex. The happy young man had a brush with fame when he appeared on the news.