

**Overview**

Watch the video podcast. Who do you agree with most?

1 Read Hina's text and then watch the video podcast from 0:10-0:25. Underline the words in italics that you hear



Hina

I like reading about <sup>1</sup>*well-known/famous* people and finding out about their <sup>2</sup>*life/lives*. But I <sup>3</sup>*wouldn't/don't* want to be famous myself. I'm happy <sup>4</sup>*being/to be* a normal person, <sup>5</sup>*doing/having* a normal job. How do you feel about <sup>6</sup>*being famous/fame*? Would you like <sup>7</sup>*being/to be* famous?

2 Look at the people below and read the sentences about them. Then watch the video podcast from 0:25-2:53 and tick true or false (T/F) for each sentence.



1 He wouldn't particularly like to be famous.  T  F



2 She'd love to be famous.  T  F



3 He'd like to be famous for doing charitable work.  T  F



4 She'd like to be a famous writer.  T  F



5 She prefers to be anonymous, not famous.  T  F



6 She'd like to meet John Lennon.  T  F

**Glossary:** *charitable* = help people who need it; *anonymous* = nobody knows their name

3 **Would they like to be famous?** Look at the people below and read the multiple choice answers. Watch the video podcast from 0:25-1:15 and circle the words you hear: a, b or c.



1 She \_\_\_\_\_ to be famous.  
a) would like b) would love  
c) wouldn't like



4 She thinks people are too interested \_\_\_\_\_ fame these days.  
a) in b) about c) with



2 She \_\_\_\_\_ to be famous.  
a) wants b) doesn't want  
c) wouldn't like



5 She wouldn't like to be really famous because you don't have \_\_\_\_\_ on your own.  
a) the time b) a time  
c) time



3 She'd like to be famous but \_\_\_\_\_ famous.  
a) not very b) not too  
c) not really



6 He used to think that being famous \_\_\_\_\_ be great.  
a) is b) would  
c) wouldn't

4 What would they like to be famous for? Read the pairs of sentences 1-6 and watch the video podcast from 1:15-1:55. Tick (✓) the answers you hear, a or b.

- 1a I'd like to be famous for doing something new and exciting
- 1b I'd like to be famous for doing something new and interesting.
- 2a These days, I'd like to be famous for doing something worthwhile.
- 2b These days, I want to be famous for creating something worthwhile.
- 3a Maybe for being an actress.
- 3b Maybe being a model.
- 4a I'd like to be a famous graphic designer, but that's not really fame.
- 4b I'd like to be well-known as a graphic designer, but that's not real fame.
- 5a If I were to be famous, I would like to be famous for an amazing invention.
- 5b If I became famous, I would like it to be for inventing something amazing.
- 6a I suppose for making films.
- 6b I suppose directing films.

**Glossary:** *worthwhile* = useful or enjoyable

5 Which famous person would they most like to meet? Watch the video podcast from 1:56-2:53 and underline the answers you hear. There are three extra names.

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|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| <u>Barack Obama</u> | Ranulph Fiennes | Shakira     | Fidel Castro  |
| Mischa Barton       | Dalai Lama      | Bob Dylan   | David Beckham |
| Edmund Hillary      | Daniel Craig    | Johnny Depp |               |

6 Why would they like to meet the famous people in Ex 5? Look at the people below and read their reasons. Then watch the video podcast from 1:56-2:53 again and match the people to their reasons.



- 1 Because of his Arctic exploration, and the fact that he's been able to go where other people haven't. E
- 2 I'd love to meet a famous explorer. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 She does loads of different things, and I think she's really pretty, and I like her style. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I enjoy his movies a good deal. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I really like his music. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 He's really good looking. \_\_\_\_\_

**Glossary:** *an explorer* = travels to places nobody has ever been to; *loads (informal)* = a lot; *a good deal* = very much/a lot

**Vocabulary**

7 Look at the people below and complete their sentences with the prepositions: for, with, in, of. Watch the video podcast from 0:25-1:55 and check your answers.



If I was going to be famous <sup>1</sup>for anything, that would probably be what I'd like to be famous <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.



I think that people are too obsessed <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ fame, too interested <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ fame these days.



I think it's very easy to get obsessed with the good things that fame can bring, like the free gifts, and the doors opening <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you, and that kind of side <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ things.

**Glossary:** *be obsessed* = think about sth too much; *gifts* = presents

**Personalisation**

8 Write your opinions using the prompts below. Use examples from the podcast if appropriate.

I *would/wouldn't* like to be famous because \_\_\_\_\_.

If I were famous, I'd like to be famous for \_\_\_\_\_.

I'd most like to meet \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

**FUN FACTS**



Famous people have usually experienced a "negative event" in childhood, according to a psychologist. To find out more, go to the BBC link below: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/showbiz/1677344.stm>

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