Yoana (00:01): Hello. What's your name?

Ralitsa (00:03): Hi, my name is Ralita.

Yoana (00:05): Where are you from?

Ralitsa (00:06): I'm from Varna, Bulgaria.

Yoana (00:09): Are you a student now?

Ralitsa (00:12): Yes, I'm currently studying at BUas in Breda.

Yoana (00:16): Okay, so how often do you listen to music?

Ralitsa (00:20): Oh, I listen to music every day for at least 2 hours.

Yoana (00:28): And what music do you usually listen to?

Ralitsa (00:32): It really depends on what mood I'm in. I usually listen to every type of music, but I mostly listen to pop, maybe indie as well. Sometimes I feel like listening to rap, sometimes I feel like listening to rock, sometimes I feel like listening to bulgarian chalga. It really depends.

Yoana (00:55): Okay. And since you listen to music like a lot, where do you usually listen to it? Like what do you use?

Ralitsa (01:11): I use Spotify.

Yoana (01:11): Do you use anything else?

Ralitsa (01:11): When I'm at home and I'm using my laptop, I'm using YouTube, but I'm not subscribed to it.

Yoana (01:19): Okay. And do you usually listen to covers or do you prefer original music?

Ralitsa (01:28): I think I prefer original music. If the cover is better than the original one, I would like to listen to the cover more. But since artists upload their original music and it's not common for me personally, it's not common for me personally to find covers. If a cover pops up on my usually YouTube feed and I just think it's going to be a good one or I like the way it looks on the picture, I would click on it, but I usually listen to original music.

Yoana (02:07): Why do you think you don't listen that much to cover? Do you find them like too sleepy or something like that?

Ralitsa (02:15): No, I think it's because the way that different platforms are made is to show you music that to show you more types of music, more music of the type you listen to. And if you start listening to covers, it's going to show you covers. But if you don't listen to covers, it's not going to show you any covers. So it really depends. If you start looking for covers, then you're going to have covers on your feed and they get more popular. But if you don't look for covers, they are not going to appear on your feed.

Yoana (02:54): Okay. And do you think it's useful for stars that will start with covers or if they have original songs to actually show them to the world?

Ralitsa (03:09): I think starting off with covers is a good idea because you show your talent first and when you've proven yourself the audience, you can start uploading original music, but you really need to be careful with which covers most people listen to. So you know what music they like and you know

what music you should make to make you popular and to make your music popular as well.

Yoana (03:40): Okay. And also, where do you find new artists or new songs? I mean, you listen to music and Spotify, but where do you find the artist?

Ralitsa (03:54): In recent years, I've just typed a song in the search bar in Spotify and then it automatically starts playing songs that are kind of this genre and I get to know more artists and that's why when I had my Spotify wrapped for the year of 2021 I think I had 154 discovered artists so it usually happens that way.

Yoana (04:28): Okay, so you heard Maaike I mean, I played you her song her cover. What do you think of her what do you think she should improve what you don't like?

Ralitsa (04:43): I like her voice and I think she has the I'm not sure but I think she has a strong voice and she should definitely show it because in the cover she didn't really show how strong her voice could be but if she doesn't feel that confident in her voice she should practice more but I think it would be essential for her to show how strong her voice is and if it fits she can cover more rock songs and start making rock songs but if she doesn't really feel like making rock songs there are a lot of top songs who show vocal range and how strong someone's voice can be and should get inspiration from artists from famous artists with voices that are similar to hers.

Yoana (05:38): Okay. And also have you ever visited like a single website if you have a favorite celebrity have you ever visited their website or even to check if they have a website?

Ralitsa (05:52): It's yes, I have I usually do it for merch even though I never buy merch but I'm just curious.

Yoana (06:01): Okay. That was it. Thank you.

Ralitsa (06:04): Thank you so much for your time.