**第18周Wednesday/Friday 听力口语训练**

**The Fame Game《名利游戏》**

贾斯丁•比伯，嘎嘎，金•卡戴珊，帕丽斯•希尔顿……我们很多人提到他们，甚至会想成为和他们一样的人。但怎么样才能成为一个名人呢？Neil和Finn将会说说加拿大歌手贾斯丁•比伯和1788年出生的英国诗人罗德•拜伦有什么共同之处，以及学习一些与名利名声相关的表达方式。

**一，本周问题：**

这个衣物在80年代时非常出名，当时由迈克尔•杰克逊戴着向世人展示他的太空步。迈克尔•杰克逊的镶嵌着水晶的皮手套在2009年的拍卖会上售得多少钱？

a) 150,000美元 b) 250,000美元 c) 350,000美元

**二，听力内容：**

Neil: Hello I’m Neil. Welcome to 6 Minute English. And with me here in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ladies and gentlemen is … Finn!

Finn: Thank you! Thank you sound effects! Thank you, Neil! Is this all for me? I feel like quite a celebrity!

Neil: Yes, a celebrity – someone famous - particularly someone in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that's the world of entertainment, theatre and film. Today we're talking about fame, and teaching you some related vocabulary.

Finn: Yes. Some celebrities are famous for their talent, which means by their ability to do something well, like singing, acting or telling jokes …

Neil: And others are famous for… well, for being famous or being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_someone who is. The names Paris Hilton and Kim Kardashian come to mind: wealthy women with their own TV shows. But, talking about celebrity, let me ask you a question.

Finn: Actually Neil, only if you play that lovely applause again. Go on Neil!

Neil: I knew you would love this. Right. Here it goes.

Finn: Yes! Anyway, Neil... I can give you my **autograph(签名)** later…

Neil: You mean signature? An autograph is the signature of a famous person, Finn. Fans collect these and things like photographs.

Finn: Yes, we call things like those **memorabilia（纪念品）**.

Neil: For example, Michael Jackson's leather glove with shiny crystals - it became very famous in the 1980s when he presented his\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the world. How much was it sold for at auction in 2009? Was it:

a) US$ 150,000 b) US$ 250,000 or c) US$ 350,000

Finn: I think Michael Jackson has some big fans in the world so I'll say c) US$ 350,000.

Neil: Okay. I'll give you the answer at the end of the programme.

Finn: So the idea of celebrity seems very modern in some ways – does it have a long history?

Neil: Well, Lord Byron, a very famous English poet born in 1788, is considered by some experts to be the world's first modern-style celebrity. Let's hear Dr Corin Throsby, English Literature researcher at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Finn: Why was Byron a celebrity?

Neil: Listen out for the noun she uses in the first sentence meaning a product, or something for sale.

**(INSERT)**

**Dr Corin Throsby, Cambridge University**

If we think of celebrity as the moment **where someone's personality becomes a commodity**. So, for Byron the fact that he was popular on this scale that had never been achieved before because his career had coincided with **mass printing**. But something more than that, that there was a sort of a secondary industry of Byron stuff, you know, that there were Byron neck ties, people wanted to look like Byron. There was this mass of people that loved him. He could no longer control his image. I think that's what separates celebrity from the fame that had preceded that.

Finn: So the noun was 'a commodity'. She said that when someone's personality becomes a product, that's when they turn into a celebrity.

Neil: She talked of fame so big you can't control your own image – that's your reputation, the way other people think about you and imagine you. Someone interesting in this respect is Justin Bieber.

Finn: Yeah. Are you a fan, Neil?

Neil: I'm a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Justin Bieber. I love him.

Finn: I believe you.

Neil: He's a big name and he's always in the newspapers. His fans are called 'Beliebers'…

Finn: and Byron's fans were called 'Byron maniacs'. That's the name his wife gave his adoring fans. Though she wasn't too happy about them.

Neil: Yes. Byron's life was full of scandals, actions which cause shock and **disapproval** among people.

Finn: And for Byron it was mainly his love life. He\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with men and women.

Neil: For Justin Bieber it's about his behaviour. He was accused of driving after drinking alcohol, and of **vandalism**.

Finn: Vandalism means causing damage to property.

Neil: Poor Justin Bieber!

Finn: Though he's very popular - his career started when he was in his early teens and I think it must have been difficult growing up with this\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Still, I wonder how much his autograph is worth in the current market…

Neil: Well,I don't know about Justin Bieber's autograph but I do know about Michael Jackson's shiny glove. It became **iconic** in the 1980s, but how much was it sold for? Was it US$ 150,000; US$ 250,000 or c) US$ 350,000?

Finn: I said c) US$ 350,000.

Neil: And you were right.

Finn: Wow! That's\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Neil: Did you buy it?

Finn: It wasn't me. No.

Neil: Well, our time's up but let's remember the words we heard from today. Finn.

Finn: We heard: celebrity、show business、talent、autograph、memorabilia、commodity、image、scandal、vandalism

Neil: That's it for today. Please join us again soon for 6 Minute English from BBC Learning English.

Finn: Neil?

Neil: What?

Finn: You know what. Go on.

Neil: Okay. One more time.

Finn: You love it\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, don't you?

Neil: I do. It's great. I'll join in.

Finn: Bye.

**三，词汇学习：**

1. celebrity 名人

2. show business 娱乐业，演艺圈

3. talent 天赋

4. autograph 亲笔签名

5. memorabilia 纪念品

6. commodity 商品，日用品

7. image 印象

8. scandal 丑闻

9. vandalism 故意毁坏

Keys:

Studio, show business, associated with, moonwalk, Cambridge University, massive fan, had affairs, global fame, rare, as well