

TOPIC 14: CELEBRITIES

Speaking Part 1

Frequently-Asked Questions

- ✓ Who is your favourite celebrity in your country?
- ✓ How do celebrities influence their fans in your country?
- ✓ Do you like any foreign celebrities?
- ✓ Would you like to be a celebrity? Why?
- ✓ Do you think we should protect famous people's privacy?
- ✓ How can celebrities influence other people, especially youngsters?

Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
impress	/ɪmˈpres/	to cause someone to admire or respect you (ấn tượng)
prominent	/ˈprɒm.ɪ.nənt/	very well known and important (nổi tiếng)
fantastic	/fænˈtæs.tɪk/	extremely good (hay, tuyệt vời)
professionalism	/prəˈfeʃ.ən.əl.ɪ.zəm/	the combination of all the qualities that are connected with trained and skilled people (tính chuyên nghiệp)
outstanding	/ˌaʊtˈstæn.dɪŋ/	very much better than usual; excellent (nổi bật)
bias	/ˈbaɪ.əs/	the fact of preferring someone or something (sự yêu thích hơn)

star	/sta:r/	to be one of the most important performers in a show (đóng vai gì đó)
to be a (big/huge/avid) fan of sb/sth		admire sb/sth (yêu thích ai/ cái gì)
imitate	/'im.i.teɪt/	to behave in a similar way to someone or something else (bắt chước)
endorse	/ɪn'dɔ:s/	to appear in an advertisement, saying that you use and like a particular product (đóng quảng cáo cho sản phẩm)
sell like hot cakes		to be bought quickly and in large numbers (bán đắt như tôm tươi)
tempting	/'temp.tɪŋ/	If something is tempting, you want to do or have it (có sức hấp dẫn)
rise to fame		to become famous (trở nên nổi tiếng)
public figure	/'pʌb.lɪk 'fig.ər/	a famous person (người nổi tiếng)
curious about sb/sth	/'kjʊə.ri.əs/	interested in learning about people or things around you (tò mò)
respect	/rɪ'spekt/	to accept that something is right or important and not to attempt to change it or harm it (tôn trọng)
aggressive	/ə'gres.ɪv/	behaving in an angry and violent way towards another person (hung hãn)
paparazzi	/'pæp.ər'æt.si/	a freelance photographer who takes candid pictures of celebrities for publication (thợ săn ảnh)

Useful sentence structure

- ✓ I'm a big/huge/avid fan of + somebody.

Ex: I'm a huge fan of Lady Gaga.

- ✓ Teenagers nowadays tend to + verb phrase.

Ex: Teenagers nowadays tend to imitate their idols/ idolize someone famous.

- ✓ As a public figure, I will be able to + (verb phrase)

Ex: As a public figure, I will be able to earn lots of money by starring in films.

- ✓ If a celebrity endorses a product, clause of result.

Ex: If a celebrity endorses a product, it's going to sell like hot cakes.

PRACTICE

Q1: Who is your favourite celebrity in your country?

Suggestions

- ✓ a big fan of Son Tung MTP
- ✓ a prominent singer
- ✓ impressed → fantastic music + professionalism

Q1: Who is your favourite celebrity in your country? (Sample)

Well, I'd have to say I'm a big fan Son Tung MTP, a prominent pop singer in Vietnam. I guess not only me, but a number of youngsters are impressed by his fantastic music, nice personality and professionalism.

Q2: Do you like any foreign celebrities?

Suggestions

- ✓ bias: Timothée Chalamet
- ✓ starred in "Call me by your name"

- ✓ outstanding appearance + amazing characteristic

Q2: Do you like any foreign celebrities? (Sample)

Absolutely. The person I'm gonna talk about is my bias ever since I watched the film he starred in "Call me by your name." Yeah he's Timothée Chalamet. He created a deep impression on me by his outstanding experience and amazing characteristic.

Q3: Would you like to be a celebrity? Why?

Suggestions

- ✓ rising to fame → not my goal
- ✓ appreciate efforts celebrities are making
- ✓ not belong to that world

Q3: Would you like to be a celebrity? Why? (Sample)

Well, the idea certainly sounds tempting, but I'm pretty sure that rising to fame would never be one of my life goals. I appreciate all the efforts that the celebrities, no matter which field they're working on, are making every single day. However, I find myself not belonging to that world. I mean I hate being photographed by paparazzi all the time. So yeah, I don't think I want to become a public figure, to be honest.

Q4: Do you think we should protect famous people's privacy?

Suggestions

- ✓ curious about celebrities' lives
 - ✓ aggressive fans → mentally attack
 - ✓ paparazzi → approach in person
- respect their privacy

Q4: Do you think we should protect famous people's privacy? (Sample)

Definitely. As you probably can tell, these days people are so curious about what their bias is doing. Some are aggressive that they mentally attack their bias by leaving bad comments

online. Some even approach them in person on the street, especially the so-called paparazzi. So I think we should respect celebrities' privacy.

Q5: How do celebrities influence their fans in your country?

Suggestions

- ✓ imitate idols
- ✓ wear same clothes + behave in same way

Q5: How do celebrities influence their fans in your country? (Sample)

Well, for the most part, people, especially teenagers, tend to imitate their idols. I mean, they want to wear the same fashion or act in the same way as their favorite celebrities. So for example, if a celebrity endorses a certain product, it is going to sell like hot cakes.

Speaking Part 2

Cue card

Describe a famous person that you are interested in

You should say:

who this person is.

how you know about this person.

what this person is famous for.

why you are interested in this person.

Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
embark on sth	/ɪmˈbɑːk/	to start something new or important (bắt đầu thứ gì đó)
release	/rɪˈliːs/	make the musical recording available for the public to buy (phát hành)

catch sight of sb/sth		to see something only for a moment (bắt gặp ai/ cái gì)
hooked	/hʊkt/	strongly attracted to something or someone (cực đi đam mê, nghiện)
loyal	/'ləɪ.əl/	firm and not changing in your friendship with or support for a person or an organization (trung thành)
admiration	/,ædmə'reɪʃn/	a feeling of respect for and approval of somebody/something (ngưỡng mộ)
high-quality	/'haɪ,kwɒl.ə.ti/	very good; of a high quality (chất lượng cao)
beloved	/bɪ'lʌv.ɪd/	loved very much (thân thương, được quý mến)
sociability	/,səʊʃə'bɪləti/	the quality of enjoying spending time with other people (sự hòa đồng, gần gũi)
devote yourself to sb/sth	/dɪ'veʊt/	to give your time or effort completely to something or somebody (cống hiến, dành trọn)
under one's belt		learned or succeeded in, and now a part of your experience (bỏ túi được gì)

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Sample

A famous person who I am really interested in is definitely Son Tung MTP. He is a prominent pop singer in Viet Nam who embarked on his singing career in 2011. The Thai Binh-born singer has recently become Vietnam's first-ever artist with the most trending video in Vietnam and Asia after Tung released his newest song "Co chac yeu la day?" which can be literally translated into English as "Isn't this love?"

Son Tung MTP is my biggest idol because he is a great singer with beautiful voice. Some years ago, I caught a sight of him on TV when he took part in the show "The Remix" in 2015 and I was immediately hooked by his outstanding performance. I have become his loyal fan since then. I really like the way he sings and the way he expresses the feeling of the song. To my admiration, he has always worked seriously to give high quality music products.

Tung is beloved for his good personality too. He is known to all his fans for his sociability and sense of humour. Besides, he has also devoted himself to organizing free concerts for university students nationwide. Together with his fans and friends, he has been doing a lot of charity activities silently to help the poor, the sick and the homeless.

Speaking Part 3

Frequently-asked questions

- ✓ Why do people like to know about the private lives of famous people?
- ✓ What qualities does a person need to have in order to be famous?
- ✓ Why do you think politicians and movie stars are famous and popular around the world?
- ✓ Is it easier or more difficult to achieve fame today than in your grandparents' time?
- ✓ Do you think more is expected from famous people than ordinary citizens?

Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
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nosy	/'nəʊ.zi/	too interested in what other people are doing and wanting to discover too much about them (hay tò mò, thọc mạch)
accomplish	/ə'kʌm.plɪʃ/	to finish something successfully or to achieve something (đạt được thứ gì)
reputation	/,rep.jə'teɪ.ʃən/	the general opinion that people have about someone or something (danh tiếng)
at one's disposal	/dɪ'spəʊ.zəl/	at one's disposal (có sẵn)
advancement	/əd'vɑːns.mənt/	the development or improvement of something (sự tiến bộ, phát triển)
sincerity	/sɪn'serɪ.ti/	honesty (sự chân thành)
set an example		to behave in a way that other people should copy (làm gương)
justify	/'dʒʌs.tɪ.fai/	to give or to be a good reason for (biện minh cho điều gì)
misleading	/,mɪs'liː.dɪŋ/	causing someone to believe something that is not true (gây hiểu lầm, làm sai lệch)
power	/paʊər/	ability to control people and events (quyền lực)
self-reliance	/,self.rɪ'laɪ.əns/	the quality of not needing help or support from other people (sự tự lực)

PRACTICE

Q1: Why do people like to know about the private lives of famous people? (Sample)

I think people want to know more about what celebrities actually do every day because they want to learn something from them. For example, I've learned a great deal by watching YouTube videos called 'A day in my life' about Bill Gates or Brian Tracy. I've learned how to avoid bad habits and form good habits, how to accomplish my goals. Second, nosy people want to know what's going on with their bias. They'd die to know who they sleep with, what they eat, even what they wear at home.

Q2. Is it easier or more difficult to achieve fame today than in your grandparents' time? (Sample)

Yes, for better or worse, it is easier, generally speaking, to earn a reputation today than in our grandparents' time primarily because today people have more opportunities at their disposal to advertise themselves on different kinds of media channels due to the technological advancements. Besides, people nowadays seem to accept things which are strange and different. I mean, if a person acts in an abnormal and shocking way, he or she is likely to rise to fame.

Q3. Do you think more is expected from famous people than ordinary citizens? (Sample)

Yes, I do think that more is expected from famous people than ordinary citizens as being famous usually mean that they have more "power" and "influence" to accomplish good things in order to help the average people with no or very limited "power". Famous people also have the power to communicate or to reach a large number of ordinary citizens. Therefore, it is only natural for the ordinary citizen to expect that famous people must have a good sense of responsibility to guide their followers towards a better life.

HOMEWORK

Answer the following questions

Q1. In what ways can famous people influence the public?

Q2: What qualities does a person need to have in order to be famous?