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## SPEAKING • Role-play: an interview with a famous person

I can role-play an interview with a famous person.

**THINK!** Imagine that you can interview your favourite singer or actor. What questions do you want to ask?

**Interviewer** Hi. It's great to meet you. I've got a few questions for you, if that's OK.  
**Pop star** Sure. Go ahead.  
**Interviewer** Great. So, when did you decide to become a singer?  
**Pop star** Good question. <sup>1</sup> .....  
**Interviewer** Really? How old were you?  
**Pop star** <sup>2</sup> .....  
**Interviewer** That's interesting. Where did you go to school?  
**Pop star** Erm, in Texas at first, but then we moved to New York.  
**Interviewer** Cool! Did you enjoy living there?  
**Pop star** Sure. <sup>3</sup> .....  
**Interviewer** OK. One more question. What was the most exciting moment in your career?  
**Pop star** Mmm. That's a difficult one. <sup>4</sup> .....  
**Interviewer** Ah yes, of course. That was great. Thanks for your time.  
**Pop star** You're welcome.



**3** Practise the dialogue with a partner.

**4** Read the Study Strategy. Look at the situation and then think of some follow-up questions for 1–5 in the table.

### STUDY STRATEGY

#### Improving your speaking

You can have more interesting conversations in English if you:

- react to what people say.
- ask them questions to find out more information.

*I went to England when I was young.*

Really?  
That's interesting.  
Cool!  
Yes, of course.

- 1 Why ... ?
- 2 When ... ?
- 3 Where ... ?
- 4 What ... ?
- 5 ... ?

**1** **2.29** Complete the dialogue with sentences a–d. Then watch or listen and check. Where is the pop star from?

- a. Oh, about ten, I think.
- b. I guess it was when I sang with Beyoncé last year.
- c. I decided when I was at school.
- d. It was quite exciting to be in a big city.

**2** **2.29** Look at the Key Phrases. Which does the interviewer use and which does the pop star use? Then watch or listen and check your answers.

### KEY PHRASES

#### Doing an interview

- 1 I've got a few questions for you, if that's OK.
- 2 Sure. Go ahead.
- 3 Good question!
- 4 One more question.
- 5 That's a difficult one.
- 6 Thanks for your time.

**5** **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Prepare and practise interviews with a famous person. Use the Key Phrases, the Study Strategy and ideas from the list below.

### Interview questions

When did you become a ... ?  
 When did you get married to ... ?  
 What did you look like when you were ... ?  
 How did you feel when ... ?  
 When did you first ... ?