

7 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. ¹

Interviewer Really? How old were you?

Pop star ²

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?

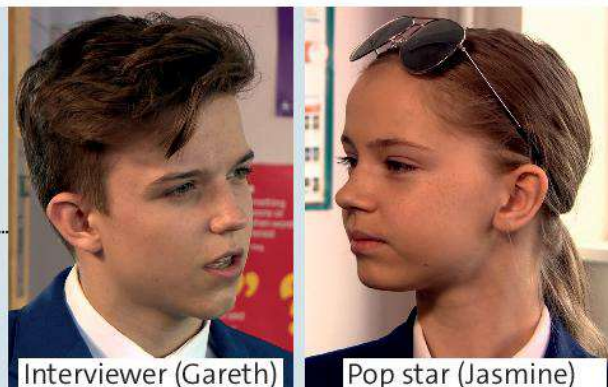
Pop star Sure. ³

Interviewer OK. One more question. What was the most exciting moment in your career?

Pop star Mmm. That's a difficult one. ⁴

Interviewer Ah yes, of course. That was great. Thanks for your time.

Pop star You're welcome.



Interviewer (Gareth)

Pop star (Jasmine)

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 ... ?