

OPRAH WINFREY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Oprah Winfrey is internationally famous for hosting the most popular talk show on American television. Millions of TV viewers tune in worldwide every day to watch her. She has become a household name and is now one of the richest women in the world. She is also famous for raising millions of dollars for charities to help with child literacy.

Oprah was born in 1954 in Mississippi. She experienced child abuse as she grew up, which led her to campaign for children's rights later in her life. She helped draft a bill that President Clinton passed into law. Her career in broadcasting started in 1971 and her big breakthrough came in 1976 with her own extremely popular TV chat show – 'People Are Talking'.

In 1985 movie producer Steven Spielberg offered her a role in 'The Color Purple'. She was nominated for an Oscar at the Academy Awards for her performance. She used her newfound international fame to launch the 'Oprah Winfrey Show'. This opened all kinds of doors for her she had never dreamed of. The world was her oyster.

Her chat show is broadcast to over 100 countries. 'Life' magazine called her the most influential woman of her generation. She has raised nearly \$100 million for charity. She is now a role model for millions of girls around the world. Her latest project is an academy for poor girls, which opened in South Africa in 2007.

237 words

Flesch Kinkaid 8.3

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1. hosting | a. reading |
| 2. tune in | b. write |
| 3. literacy | c. turn on |
| 4. abuse | d. presenting |
| 5. draft | e. very |
| 6. extremely | f. ill-treatment |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 7. role | g. recommended |
| 8. nominated | h. important |
| 9. launch | i. part |
| 10. broadcast | j. start |
| 11. influential | k. example |
| 12. role model | l. aired |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Oprah Winfrey is internationally | a. name |
| 2. Millions of TV viewers tune in | b. woman of her generation |
| 3. She has become a household | c. breakthrough came in 1976 |
| 4. She experienced child | d. worldwide every day |
| 5. her big | e. of doors for her |
| 6. She was nominated | f. famous |
| 7. This opened all kinds | g. \$100 million for charity |
| 8. The world was | h. abuse as she grew up |
| 9. the most influential | i. for an Oscar |
| 10. She has raised nearly | j. her oyster |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Oprah Winfrey is internationally _____ most popular talk show on American television. Millions of TV _____ worldwide every day to watch her. She has become _____ and is now one of the richest women in the world. She is also famous for raising millions of dollars for charities _____.

Oprah was born in 1954 in Mississippi. She experienced _____, which led her to campaign for children's rights later in her life. She helped _____ President Clinton passed into law. Her career in broadcasting started in 1971 and _____ came in 1976 with her own extremely popular TV chat show – 'People Are Talking'.

In 1985 movie producer Steven Spielberg _____ 'The Color Purple'. She was nominated for an Oscar at the Academy Awards for her performance. She used her newfound international _____ the 'Oprah Winfrey Show'. This opened all kinds of _____ had never dreamed of. The world _____.

Her chat show is broadcast to over 100 countries. 'Life' magazine called her _____ woman of her generation. She has raised nearly \$100 million for charity. She is _____ millions of girls around the world. Her latest project is _____ girls, which opened in South Africa in 2007.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Oprah Winfrey is internationally *fame / famous* for hosting the most popular talk show *on / in* American television. Millions of TV viewers tune *out / in* worldwide every day to watch her. She has become a household name and is now one of the richest women in the world. She is also famous for raising millions of dollars for charities to help with child *literacy / illiterate*.

Oprah was born in 1954 in Mississippi. She experienced child abuse as she *grew / grown* up, which led her to campaign *for / with* children's rights later in her life. She helped draft a bill that President Clinton passed *into / at* law. Her career in broadcasting started in 1971 and her big breakthrough came in 1976 with her own *extremely / extreme* popular TV chat show – 'People Are Talking'.

In 1985 movie producer Steven Spielberg offered her a *roll / role* in 'The Color Purple'. She was *nominated / nomination* for an Oscar at the Academy Awards for her performance. She used her newfound international fame to *launch / lunch* the 'Oprah Winfrey Show'. This opened all kinds of doors for her she had never dreamed of. The world was her *oyster / crab*.

Her chat show *are / is* broadcast to over 100 countries. 'Life' magazine called her the *most / best* influential woman of her generation. She has *raised / lifted* nearly \$100 million for charity. She is now a role model for millions of girls around the world. Her *latest / lately* project is an academy for poor girls, which opened in South Africa in 2007.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. hosting the most orpualp talk show on American television
2. TV viewers tune in dldewowir every day
3. She has become a hoslehodu name
4. help with child ctarelyi

Paragraph 2

5. She experienced child usbae as she grew up
6. She heledp draft a bill
7. her big uraohreghbkt came in 1976
8. tmyerexel popular

Paragraph 3

9. Steven Spielberg fdeoref her a role in 'The Color Purple'
10. She was enmoiandt for an Oscar
11. clnhau the 'Oprah Winfrey Show'
12. The world was her etroys

Paragraph 4

13. Her chat show is adcsbrtao to over 100 countries.
14. the most nnlelitafiu woman of her generation
15. She is now a role model for linsiimo of girls
16. Her latest rjoctep is an academy for poor girls

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () for an Oscar at the Academy Awards for her performance. She used her newfound international fame to
- () that President Clinton passed into law. Her career in broadcasting started in 1971 and her big
- () launch the 'Oprah Winfrey Show'. This opened all kinds of doors for her she had never dreamed of. The world
- () on American television. Millions of TV viewers tune in worldwide every day to watch her. She has become a household
- (**1**) Oprah Winfrey is internationally famous for hosting the most popular talk show
- () generation. She has raised nearly \$100 million for charity. She is now a role model for millions of girls
- () Oprah was born in 1954 in Mississippi. She experienced child
- () around the world. Her latest project is an academy for poor girls, which opened in South Africa in 2007.
- () In 1985 movie producer Steven Spielberg offered her a role in 'The Color Purple'. She was nominated
- () was her oyster.
- () name and is now one of the richest women in the world. She is also famous for raising
- () Her chat show is broadcast to over 100 countries. 'Life' magazine called her the most influential woman of her
- () abuse as she grew up, which led her to campaign for children's rights later in her life. She helped draft a bill
- () millions of dollars for charities to help with child literacy.
- () breakthrough came in 1976 with her own extremely popular TV chat show – 'People Are Talking'.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. show talk popular most the television American on

2. name household a become has She

3. charities literacy child with help to

4. abuse child experienced She up grew she as

5. came breakthrough big her 1976 in

6. for nominated was She Oscar an

7. for doors of kinds all opened This her

8. her world oyster was The

9. woman her the influential of generation most

10. Her academy latest for project poor is girls an

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Oprah Winfrey?
2. Would you like to meet Oprah Winfrey?
3. What would you like to know about Oprah Winfrey and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Oprah Winfrey?
2. What questions would you like to ask Oprah Winfrey?
3. What would her answers to those questions be?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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THE OPRAH WINFREY SURVEY:

Write five questions about Oprah Winfrey in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Oprah Winfrey. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. OPRAH WINFREY POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Oprah Winfrey. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Oprah Winfrey. Include imaginary interviews with her friends. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Oprah Winfrey. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Oprah Winfrey" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 3. She has become a household | c. name |
| 4. She experienced child | d. abuse as she grew up |
| 5. her big | e. breakthrough came in 1976 |
| 6. She was nominated | f. for an Oscar |
| 7. This opened all kinds | g. of doors for her |
| 8. The world was | h. her oyster |
| 9. the most influential | i. woman of her generation |
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.