OPRAH WINFREY

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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.
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
d. presenting
e. very
f. ill-treatment

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. role g. recommended
8. nominated h. important
9. launch i. part
j. start
k. example
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
c. breakthrough came in 1976
d. worldwide every day
e. of doors for her
f. famous

6. She was nominated g. $100 million for charity
7. This opened all kinds h. abuse as she grew up
8. The world was i. for an Oscar
9. the most influential j. her oyster
10. She has raised nearly
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 ________________.

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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 ________________.

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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 *dllewowir* 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 *adcsbtao* to over 100 countries.
14. the most *nnlelitafiu* woman of her generation
15. She is now a role model for *llnsiimo* of girls
16. Her latest *rjoctep* is an academy for poor girls
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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. _____________________________________________________

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. _____________________________________________________
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.

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

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WRITING:
Write about Oprah Winfrey for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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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.
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ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

Paragraphs 1 and 2

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4. abuse     d. ill-treatment
5. draft     e. write
6. extremely   f. very

Paragraphs 3 and 4

7. role   g. part
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9. launch   i. start
10. broadcast   j. aired
11. influential   k. important
12. role model   l. example

PHRASE MATCH:

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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
10. She has raised nearly   j. $100 million for charity

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.