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THE READING / TAPESCRPT

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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. best
2. got into
3. string
4. rough
5. overly
6. prestigious

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. role
8. fame
9. appeared
10. received
11. rude
12. lyrics

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

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2. won a string
3. They wanted their only
4. She had a rough
5. talking behind each
6. A year later she rose to
7. ... even though she
8. She received many nominations
9. it was only later that she understood
10. the youngest jury member to sit

a. couldn’t speak English
b. time there
c. fame as the character Jen
d. for best actress awards
e. into acting
f. at the Cannes Film Festival
g. of awards
h. other’s backs
i. child to be a star
j. “how rude” the lyrics were
LISTENING GAP FILL:

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

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2. in her navtie China
3. She has srtarde in many movies
4. a rnisgt of awards

Paragraph 2
5. only ihdcl
6. She had a uhorg time there
7. tikalgn behind each other’s backs
8. China’s top iatncq college

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

1. actress the who best has directors worked an with

2. kindergarten would teacher have She become said a she

3. be their a only star child They to wanted

4. ran she occasion one on away

5. talking other’s behind backs each

6. A year later she rose to fame as the character Jen

7. best for awards international won She actress supporting

8. best for nominations many received She awards actress

9. understood rude lyrics she how the were

10. Zhang member jury youngest the became
ZHANG ZIYI DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Zhang Ziyi?
2. Would you like to have met Zhang Ziyi?
3. What would you like to know about Zhang Ziyi and why?
4. ____________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________________

ZHANG ZIYI DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Zhang Ziyi?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Zhang Ziyi?
3. What would her answers have been to those questions?
4. ____________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________________
ZHANG ZIYI SURVEY:
Write five questions about Zhang Ziyi 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.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING:
Write about Zhang Ziyi for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
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 Zhang Ziyi. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ZHANG ZIYI POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Zhang Ziyi. 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 Zhang Ziyi. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she did every day and what she thought 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 Zhang Ziyi. Ask her three questions about her life. Tell her how important she is in today’s world and how she is missed. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Zhang Ziyi expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.