

PRUEBA (CELEBRITY NEWS)

Instrucciones: a) Duración: 1h30m. b) No se permite el uso de diccionario.
c) La puntuación de las preguntas está indicada en las mismas.

CELEBRITY NEWS

1 In her quest to meet the rich and famous, Emma has bribed security guards, worn disguises, and
2 even climbed through windows! But she does not think of herself as a criminal. 'I'm just doing
3 my job. I only get paid for good stories, so I have to take extreme measures if I want to earn a
4 decent income!'

5 Emma Worth writes for a famous gossip magazine. She is one of a growing number of
6 journalists who are using their professional skills to hunt and catch the so-called 'glitterati'
7 unawares, each hoping to score an exclusive, and preferably shocking, scoop.

8 Celebrity news is a huge market. Last year, *Heat* and *Closer*, the two best-selling UK gossip
9 magazines, sold over a million copies every week, and new celebrity websites and TV
10 programmes pop up every month. Even the traditionally more 'serious' press are turning to
11 celebrities to boost sales. For example, the broadsheet newspaper *The Telegraph* now has a
12 regular gossip column called 'The Spy'. Many other 'serious' publications ask readers to send in
13 stories about celebrities they have come across.

14 But many people are critical of celebrity gossip hunters like Emma. Some stars complain that
15 they are being denied a fundamental right to privacy, and even that their lives have been ruined
16 by press intrusion. And, according to one highly-regarded news reporter, 'Our fascination with
17 gossip means that there is less media coverage of more important issues, such as politics and
18 the environment. We need to stop taking this trivia so seriously!'

1. Answer both subsections in this question. (2,5 points)

1.1 Indicate whether the following statements are True, False or the information is Not Given in the text (T/F/NG). In true and false cases, copy the part of the text which justifies your answer. (1,5 points)

1. Emma has given thousands of pounds to security guards.
2. Emma worries about breaking the law.
3. All the writers at the magazine where Emma works enter buildings illegally.
4. *Closer* is one of the most popular gossip magazines in Britain.
5. Broadsheet newspapers are only concerned with serious news, not celebrity news.
6. One journalist is unhappy about our modern obsession with gossip.

1.2. Find a synonym for each of the following words. (1 point)

1. salary
2. follow
3. spoiled
4. narratives
5. Increase

2. Answer both subsections in this question. (2,5 points)

2.1. Write a new sentence that has the same meaning as the given one. Use the word or expression in brackets.

1. Public interest in the lives of celebrities started in the 1960's. (*since*)
2. Interest in the lives of public figures sometimes causes tragedies. (*by*)
3. All the UK gossip magazines are interested in, is the glitterati. (*apart from*)
4. The actress is on the front cover because the reporter spotted her. (*hadn't been*)
5. I don't think you should gossip about friends. (*were*)
6. All the newspapers do is spread rumours and I don't like it. (*wish*)

2.2 Pronunciation

Write down five words from the text with the same single vowel sounds as teacher /ə/. If the word you find has more than one syllable, underline the syllable containing the target sound.

3. In this text, fill in the gaps with the most suitable option from the four options given for each gap. (2,5 points)

Jack: Oh, Nia, hi! Were you late getting to work this morning? I didn't see you at the morning meeting. I thought you have been ill.

1. should / would / ought / might

Nia: Oh, Jack, hello. Have a seat if you'd like. No, no. I feel fine, but yes, I was late.

2. little / few / a bit / a few

Jack: Ah, you slept in, did you? That's okay. It happens to everyone.

Nia: No, I had an excuse for being late.

Jack: Oh, right. I hope everything is okay.

Nia: Everything is fine. You see, last week, we had some really good news regarding my sister Jane.

Jack: Oh, I see. Do you want to tell me about it? Or are you going to me in the dark?

3. keep / put / have / hold

Nia: No, I'd love to tell you about it. So, I'm not sure if you know or not, but Jane, my sister, is nearly completely blind. I mean, she can see shadows and outlines of things, but that's about it.

Jack: Oh, right. Has she always been like that?

Nia: Yes, she was born that way. But, the good news! Jane had pretty much given hope of ever leading a normal life. You know, like being able to go out on her own, to walk in the park, those kinds of things. But now that has all changed!

4. out / up / in / back

Jack: Really? How wonderful! What happened?

Nia: Well, a few years ago, I heard about this amazing centre that works with people with problems with their sight. One of the programmes they are involved with provides blind people with guide dogs. These dogs are highly trained and they enable blind people, or partially sighted people, to get and about. Basically, they give these people a new lease on life.

5. around / up / down / out

Jack: That is fantastic! I've seen those dogs and their owners on public transit. They are really beautiful animals.

Nia: They are. And as I mentioned, they are very highly trained. that long, difficult training period which the dogs go through, there aren't enough dogs to meet demand.

6. Due to / Because / Despite / In spite of

Jack: There be a really long wait time to get a special dog like that, is there?

7. could / may / must / might

Nia: There sure is! And perspective owners must do a lot of tests and go to a lot of interviews before they are approved. And not all people are of course.

Jack: Of course. So, your sister, has she been through that whole process?

Nia: She has and it took absolutely ages. But two weeks ago, she received a call asking here to come down to the centre to meet a dog! Well, she called me and we went to the centre together.

Jack: So, was she take him home that day?

8. let / allowed to / let to / allowed

Nia: No, Jane and the dog, name turns out to be Bruno, had to train together for a few weeks. You know, to make sure they could work together and that they got on well together. And they really do! And that is the reason why I wasn't here on time this morning. Today was the day that Jane could take Bruno home!

9. that / whose / which / who

Jack: I see! You went with her to the centre to pick up Bruno. Well, that is one of the best reasons I've heard for being late! Congratulations to Jane ... and to Bruno, too!

10. ever / yet / already / never

4. Write a brief composition answering this question: What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a celebrity? (approx. 120 words; 2,5 points).