

Name: _____ () Class: _____ Date: _____

You have found a web article about the entertainment industry. Read the web article.

Text 3 Web article

The price of \$fame



① Many people think it is great to be famous. Well-known pop stars easily earn millions of dollars. But is it really so simple?

② It is true that famous people get special treatment. They get better service at restaurants and never have to queue up. Being a famous actor, Brad Pitt even has an asteroid in space named after him!



Katy Perry and One Direction top Forbes' list of richest pop stars.

③ Famous people seem to live like kings and queens. They own expensive homes, clothes and cars. Some even buy whole islands! According to Forbes magazine, singer Katy Perry and charming boy band One Direction each make over HK\$800 million a year.

④ Famous people are greatly loved by their fans. However, this is not always a good thing. Some fans break into their idols' homes, steal information from their mobile phones and make them feel afraid.

⑤ Easily recognized by the public and photographed everywhere, famous people are unable to have normal lives. Singer Justin Bieber has said that he often feels very depressed because he cannot go anywhere or do anything alone.

⑥ There is always a price to pay for being famous.



Justin Bieber became internationally famous when he was 16. He has found it very hard to grow up with the paparazzi always following him around.

Simplified reading and comprehension

Unit 5

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Comprehension 3 Your classmate wants to know about the web article. Answer his questions using information from the web article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

- 1 In paragraph 3, find an expression that means 'have a very rich lifestyle'.

- 2 Complete the summary below by choosing the best answer that will complete the missing information.

Due to their fame, famous people are _____ (i) _____ ordinary lives.
Whenever they appear in public, people _____ (ii) _____ them. Therefore, they cannot do anything _____ (iii) _____.

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| (i) | A afraid of | C able to have | A B C D |
| | B unable to have | D unwilling to have | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| (ii) | A ignore | C follow | A B C D |
| | B talk about | D recognize | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| (iii) | A alone | C with their fans | A B C D |
| | B together | D fun | ○ ○ ○ ○ |

- 3 Which of the following statements are facts? Which of them are opinions? Put a tick (✓) in the correct boxes.

Statements	Fact	Opinion
i) It is great to be famous.		
ii) Brad Pitt has an asteroid named after him.		
iii) Some fans break into their idols' homes.		
iv) There is always a price to pay for being famous.		

- 4 Match the correct subheadings (A–D) to the paragraphs in the web article. Write the letter in the space next to the paragraph numbers.

Subheadings	Paragraph no.	(A–D)
A Crazy fans	2	
B Never alone	3	
C Money, money, money!	4	
D Special treatment	5	