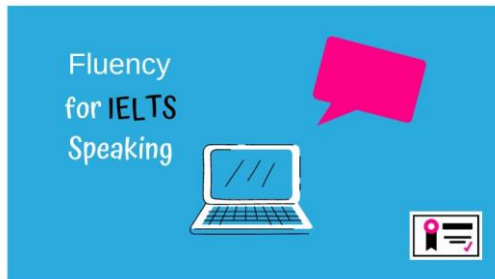


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IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Famous People

In this lesson you will learn some vocabulary and useful expressions to talk about famous people

What kind of people can become famous?

- Singers
- Actors
- Social media celebrities / Influencers
- Sports people
- TV presenters
- Business people
- Politicians
- Scientists
- Writers

Adjectives

Here are some useful adjectives to describe the kind of people that can become famous.

Ambitious

Industrious, hard-working, diligent

Persistent, consistent, relentless

Talented, skillful

Energetic, charismatic, positive

Caring, loving

Word Families

Fame (n.)

Famous (adj.)

A celebrity (person)

He likes **fame**.

She **craves fame** =to really want it

Fame has changed him

Prepositions

What is the missing preposition in the following sentence?

He is famous ____ being a creative person

Notice: When a preposition is followed by a verb, the verb is in the gerund.

Preposition + verb ____ING

He is famous **FOR BEING** a creative person

Synonyms

Famous for

Well known for

Renown (adj.)

Recognised (adj.)

Noted, celebrated, distinguished (e.g. writer, scientist, historian...)

Notorious for (negative)

Infamous (well known for bad things)

IELTS Speaking Phrase: Famous People

Here are some more useful phrases you can use to talk about famous people.

She is a **sports / sporting celebrity**

Examples, we could use above are,

She is a _____ celebrity

- Business
- Entertainment
- Political
- TV
- Internet

He is a **celebrity in the world of sport**

She is a **celebrity in the field of sport**

Examples, we could use above are,

She is a celebrity in the world of ____

He is a celebrity in the field of ____

- Business
- Entertainment
- Politics
- TV
- The Internet
- Social media
- Cooking

To have a special talent /skill

To **have a flair for** _____ (noun or verb)

He has a flair for football

He has a flair for playing football

To **have a knack for** _____ (noun or verb)

She has a knack for sales

She has a knack for selling things

IELTS Speaking TIP

When it comes to talking about a famous person in the IELTS Speaking test, don't worry if you are not exactly sure of the person's name. You can get round this by saying something like eat following:

I'd like to talk about the actor who plays Mr Bean...

I'd like to talk about the singer who sang 'candle in the wind'...

I can't quite remember his name, but anyway, let me tell you about him

IELTS Speaking Discussion: Benefits and Drawbacks of Being Famous

Collocations

Collocations are extremely important when speaking English. This basically means knowing which words go together. For example, the following are all collocations.

- Do business
- White wine
- Have a drink

Below we look at some phrase and collocations to talk about **the benefits of being famous**

- Well paid, well off, wealthy, financial freedom,
- Luxurious lifestyle, lavish lifestyle
- Get sponsorship, be a brand ambassador, get paid for advertising
- Travel the world, meet exciting people
- Get VIP treatment, get recognition, get respect, easily recognised
- Get an ego boost, having confidence, get an adrenaline rush, it builds your confidence

Below we look at some phrase and collocations to talk about **the drawbacks of being famous**

Harassment by the press

Chased by paparazzi

Hounded by fans (=followed too closely)

Lack of privacy

Attract **stalkers** / **trolls** (fans who follow with bad intention)

Get **fake friends**, **fair-weather friends**

Constant judgment

Potential depression

Addiction to drugs/fame

Fall prey to depression

Be a victim of gossip

IELTS Listening Task

In this interview, I speak to a teacher, Daniel Shaw.
Daniel is British and currently lives in Canada.

First, here is some **grammar** that will help you understand the interview.

*Notice **present perfect tense** used to talk about activities we started in the past and continue now.*

I've been teaching English for 11 years
I've been in Canada **teaching** university students

*Contrast this with an activities in the past that are finished - **simple past***

I taught in Korea for 4 years

1. Intensive Listening Task

Watch, listen and fill in the missing words:

1. To pick up _____
2. I couldn't get _____ with just English
3. It _____ a lot of doors for me
4. Get more _____ of daily interactions
5. You've already picked up the _____
6. To _____ basic situations

Answers at bottom of PDF

2. Extensive Listening Task

1. What is Daniel's passion?
2. How does he help his students?

Answers at bottom of PDF

IELTS Speaking Idioms about Being Famous

To be in the public eye = *you are famous and watched by everyone*

Trump was always in the public eye when he was president

To be in the limelight = *you are famous and watched by everyone*

Some celebrities loving being in the limelight

My claim to fame is _____ = *something that made me 'famous'*

My claim to fame is that I once served Sting, a famous singer, in a restaurant where I was working

Intensive Listening Task: ANSWERS

Watch, listen and fill in the missing words:

1. To pick up some **Korean**
2. I couldn't get **by** with just English
3. It **opened** a lot of doors for me
4. Get more **out** of daily interactions
5. You've already picked up the **basics**
6. To **navigate** basic situations

Extensive Listening Task: ANSWERS

What is Daniel's passion?

Helping students

How does he help students?

Helps them write they PHD

Helps improve speaking skills

Helps them survive, function and thrive in a new environment

Gives academic and personal support

Helps them handle culture shock