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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’?

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3. children c. heads
4. debating d. movie
5. really e. stardom
6. fame f. discussing

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. landed g. gradually
8. great h. increases
9. slowly i. got
10. launched j. a lot of
11. raises k. pain
12. suffering l. started

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

1. has yet a. counsellor
2. He often tops the most handsome b. former Yugoslavia
3. his mother was a school c. look for fame
4. his heart wasn’t really d. to win an Oscar
5. drove to Hollywood to e. homeless in New Orleans
6. filmed in the f. in Darfur
7. sex g. bigger roles
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LISTENING GAP FILL:

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

William Bradley Pitt is an American actor and film production / producer. He is one of Hollywood’s superstars and received an Academy Award nomination in 1995 but has yet / not to win an Oscar. He often tops the “most handsome guy in / on the world” lists. He was married to Jennifer Aniston for five years and is now married to Angelina Jolie, with which / whom he has six children.

Brad was born in 1963 in Oklahoma. His father owned / owner a trucking company and his mother was a school counsellor. He was an activity / active student and enjoyed debating and acting. He studied journalism at the University of Missouri but his heart / lung wasn’t really in reporting. He didn’t finish his degree but instead driving / drove to Hollywood to look for fame.

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

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

1. yet has Oscar an win to

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10. suffering Darfur awareness the in raises of
BRAD PITT DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Brad Pitt?
2. Would you like to meet Brad Pitt?
3. What would you like to know about Brad Pitt and why?
4. ______________________________
5. ______________________________
6. ______________________________
7. ______________________________
8. ______________________________

BRAD PITT DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Brad Pitt?
2. What questions would you like to ask Brad Pitt?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. ______________________________
5. ______________________________
6. ______________________________
7. ______________________________
8. ______________________________
**BRAD PITT SURVEY:**

Write five questions about Brad Pitt 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 Brad Pitt 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 Brad Pitt. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BRAD PITT POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Brad Pitt. 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 Brad Pitt. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he 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 Brad Pitt. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Brad Pitt expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES
Look at the text on page 2.