

# CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Christiane Amanpour is one of the world's most successful international news reporters. She was born in London in 1958 to an Iranian father and British mother. She attended exclusive schools in England before moving to the USA to study journalism. She graduated in 1983 and landed a job with CNN in their Atlanta headquarters. She speaks fluent English, Persian and French.

In 1989, Amanpour was posted to Eastern Europe to cover the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of communism. She began to earn her reputation as a world-class correspondent with her quality reporting. This was followed by an assignment to cover the Gulf War in 1990. She became known for her bravery and her willingness to work in dangerous conflict zones.

For two decades Amanpour has seen history being made and had exclusive interviews with many of the history makers. She reported from many of the world's hotspots, including, Afghanistan, the Balkans Iraq, Iran, Israel, Pakistan, Rwanda and Somalia. She said one of her most memorable interviews was with Iran's President Ahmadinejad. She has received wide acclaim and won numerous awards for her work.

In 1998, Christiane married former US Assistant Secretary of State James Rubin. Their son was born in 2000. In 2007 she was given one of Britain's top honours by Queen Elizabeth. She lives with her family in New York and is currently posted to CNN's New York office. She continues to be a cornerstone of CNN's coverage of major international news stories.

249 words

Flesch Kinkaid 10.1

**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*

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. reporters   | a. got         |
| 2. exclusive   | b. sent        |
| 3. landed      | c. fall        |
| 4. posted      | d. desire      |
| 5. collapse    | e. journalists |
| 6. willingness | f. elite       |

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 7. hotspots     | g. praise       |
| 8. acclaim      | h. reporting    |
| 9. numerous     | i. heart        |
| 10. honours     | j. danger zones |
| 11. cornerstone | k. awards       |
| 12. coverage    | l. many         |

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. She attended exclusive                 | a. Secretary of State        |
| 2. She graduated in 1983 and landed       | b. conflict zones            |
| 3. posted to Eastern Europe to cover the  | c. schools in England        |
| 4. earn her reputation as a               | d. being made                |
| 5. her willingness to work in dangerous   | e. fall of the Berlin Wall   |
| 6. Amanpour has seen history              | f. of the history makers     |
| 7. exclusive interviews with many         | g. a job with CNN            |
| 8. one of her most memorable              | h. world-class correspondent |
| 9. Christiane married former US Assistant | i. CNN's coverage            |
| 10. a cornerstone of                      | j. interviews                |

## LISTENING GAP FILL:

Christiane Amanpour \_\_\_\_\_ world's most successful international news reporters. She was born in London \_\_\_\_\_ Iranian father and British mother. She attended exclusive schools in England before moving to the USA to study journalism. She graduated in \_\_\_\_\_ job with CNN in their Atlanta headquarters. \_\_\_\_\_ English, Persian and French.

In 1989, Amanpour was posted to Eastern Europe to \_\_\_\_\_ the Berlin Wall and the collapse of communism. She \_\_\_\_\_ reputation as a world-class correspondent with her quality reporting. This \_\_\_\_\_ an assignment to cover the Gulf War in 1990. She became known for her bravery and her willingness to work in dangerous \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Amanpour has seen history being made and had exclusive interviews with many of the \_\_\_\_\_. She reported from many of the \_\_\_\_\_, including, Afghanistan, the Balkans Iraq, Iran, Israel, Pakistan, Rwanda and Somalia. She said one of her most memorable interviews was with Iran's President Ahmadinejad. She has received wide acclaim and \_\_\_\_\_ awards for her work.

In 1998, Christiane \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Secretary of State James Rubin. Their son was born in 2000. In 2007 she was given one of Britain's \_\_\_\_\_ Queen Elizabeth. She lives with her family in New York and is currently \_\_\_\_\_ New York office. She continues to be a cornerstone of CNN's \_\_\_\_\_ international news stories.

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:**

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

Christiane Amanpour is one of the world's *most / mostly* successful international news reporters. She was born in London in 1958 *of / to* an Iranian father and British mother. She attended exclusive schools in England before moving to the USA *to / for* study journalism. She graduated in 1983 and landed a job with CNN in their Atlanta headquarters. She *speaks / speaking* fluent English, Persian and French.

In 1989, Amanpour was *posted / pasted* to Eastern Europe to cover the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of communism. She began to *learn / earn* her reputation as a world-class correspondent with her quality reporting. This was *following / followed* by an assignment to cover the Gulf War in 1990. She became known for her *bravery / brave* and her willingness to work in dangerous conflict zones.

For two decades Amanpour has seen history being *making / made* and had exclusive interviews with many of the *history / historical* makers. She reported from many of the world's hotspots, including, Afghanistan, the Balkans Iraq, Iran, Israel, Pakistan, Rwanda and Somalia. She said one of her most *memory / memorable* interviews was with Iran's President Ahmadinejad. She has received *wide / long* acclaim and won numerous awards for her work.

In 1998, Christiane *married / marriage* former US Assistant Secretary of State James Rubin. Their son was born in 2000. In 2007 she was given one of Britain's *top / topped* honours by Queen Elizabeth. She lives with her family in New York and is *current / currently* posted to CNN's New York office. She continues to be a cornerstone of CNN's *coverage / covering* of major international news stories.

## SPELLING:

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

### *Paragraph 1*

1. international news orpertsre
2. She attended xlecvuise schools
3. study rionuamijs
4. She speaks Intufe English, Persian and French

### *Paragraph 2*

5. Amanpour was tpsdeo to Eastern Europe
6. the pallocse of communism
7. She became known for her bryvrea
8. her willingness to work in dangerous conflict nzseo

### *Paragraph 3*

9. Amanpour has seen history evnalur
10. the world's spostoth
11. her most meoralebm interviews
12. won enuosurm awards

### *Paragraph 4*

13. mforre US Assistant Secretary of State
14. Britain's top unsohro
15. ectuylrn posted to CNN's New York office
16. CNN's aecgvroe of major international news stories

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) For two decades Amanpour has seen history being made and had exclusive interviews with many of
- ( ) President Ahmadinejad. She has received wide acclaim and won numerous awards for her work
- ( ) In 1998, Christiane married former US Assistant Secretary of State James Rubin. Their son was born in 2000. In
- ( ) for her bravery and her willingness to work in dangerous conflict zones.
- ( ) of communism. She began to earn her reputation as a world-class correspondent with her quality
- ( ) moving to the USA to study journalism. She graduated in 1983 and landed a job with CNN in their
- ( ) In 1989, Amanpour was posted to Eastern Europe to cover the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse
- ( ) to an Iranian father and British mother. She attended exclusive schools in England before
- ( ) reporting. This was followed by an assignment to cover the Gulf War in 1990. She became known
- ( ) posted to CNN's New York office. She continues to be a cornerstone of CNN's coverage of major international news stories.
- ( ) Atlanta headquarters. She speaks fluent English, Persian and French.
- ( ) the history makers. She reported from many of the world's hotspots, including, Afghanistan, the Balkans Iraq,
- ( **1** ) Christiane Amanpour is one of the world's most successful international news reporters. She was born in London in 1958
- ( ) Iran, Israel, Pakistan, Rwanda and Somalia. She said one of her most memorable interviews was with Iran's
- ( ) 2007 she was given one of Britain's top honours by Queen Elizabeth. She lives with her family in New York and is currently

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. reporters world's successful news the most international

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2. England in schools exclusive attended She

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3. with headquarters CNN landed in a their job Atlanta

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4. Wall the of Berlin cover fall the

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5. zones conflict dangerous in work to willingness her

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6. has Amanpour decades two For unravel history seen

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7. many from reported She hotspots world's the of

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8. of Secretary Assistant US former State

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9. In was of honours she one top 2007 given Britain's

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10. continues of to CNN's be coverage a She cornerstone

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**DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

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

1. What do you know about Christiane Amanpour?
2. Would you like to meet Christiane Amanpour?
3. What would you like to know about Christiane Amanpour and why?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Christiane Amanpour?
2. What questions would you like to ask Christiane Amanpour?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR SURVEY:

Write five questions about Christiane Amanpour 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.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

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 Christiane Amanpour 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 Christiane Amanpour. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR POSTER:** Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Christiane Amanpour. 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 Christiane Amanpour. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she 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 Christiane Amanpour. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Christiane Amanpour expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

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## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.