

INGRID BETANCOURT

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Ingrid Betancourt is a Colombian-French politician and formerly the world's most famous hostage. She was kidnapped in 2002 by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) while campaigning to be president. Her six years in captivity in the Colombian jungle attracted media attention worldwide. She was rescued in July 2008 in a daring operation by Colombian security forces.

Betancourt was born in Colombia's capital Bogota in 1961. Her mother was a politician and former Miss Colombia. Her father was also a politician and was high up in UNESCO. Ingrid attended elite schools in France, England and Colombia. After graduating, she married a fellow student and they had two children. Her diplomat husband meant she traveled constantly and lived in different countries.

Her political career began in 1990. She distributed condoms to the poor in her election campaign. Her motto was she would be like a condom against corruption. She was elected to government in 1994 and launched her Green Oxygen Party. Four years later she became a Senator. In February 2002, she ignored government warnings and tried to campaign in FARC-held territory.

The FARC had no plan to kidnap Betancourt. She walked straight into their hands. She became the FARC's most valuable hostage. Her 2,321 days in captivity were full of reports about her ill health and wretched living conditions. A video released in 2007 showed her looking desperately frail. Following her daring rescue, she received the Legion of Honour from French President Sarkozy.

244 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

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. formerly | a. confinement |
| 2. captivity | b. in a senior position |
| 3. daring | c. upper class |
| 4. elite | d. continuously |
| 5. constantly | e. previously |
| 6. high up | f. bold |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 7. distributed | g. took no notice of |
| 8. motto | h. miserable |
| 9. ignored | i. weak |
| 10. valuable | j. handed out |
| 11. wretched | k. slogan |
| 12. frail | l. precious |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. formerly the world's most | a. into their hands |
| 2. six years | b. up in UNESCO |
| 3. attracted media attention | c. condoms to the poor |
| 4. high | d. frail |
| 5. she married | e. famous hostage |
| 6. She distributed | f. living conditions |
| 7. she ignored | g. a fellow student |
| 8. She walked straight | h. in captivity |
| 9. her ill health and wretched | i. government warnings |
| 10. looking desperately | j. worldwide |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Ingrid Betancourt is a Colombian-French politician _____ world's most famous hostage. She was kidnapped in 2002 by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) _____ be president. Her six years in captivity in the Colombian jungle _____ worldwide. She was rescued in July 2008 in _____ by Colombian security forces.

Betancourt was born in Colombia's capital Bogota in 1961. Her mother was a _____ Miss Colombia. Her father was also a politician and was high up in UNESCO. Ingrid _____ in France, England and Colombia. After graduating, she _____ student and they had two children. Her diplomat husband meant she _____ and lived in different countries.

Her _____ in 1990. She distributed condoms to the poor in _____. Her motto was she would be like a condom _____. She was elected to government in 1994 and launched her Green Oxygen Party. Four years later she became a Senator. In February 2002, she ignored government warnings and _____ in FARC-held territory.

The FARC _____ kidnap Betancourt. She walked straight into their hands. She became the FARC's _____. Her 2,321 days in captivity were full of reports _____ and wretched living conditions. A video released in 2007 showed her looking desperately frail. Following _____, she received the Legion of Honour from French President Sarkozy.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Ingrid Betancourt is a Colombian-French politician and *former / formerly* the world's most famous hostage. She was *kidnapped / kidnapping* in 2002 by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) while campaigning to be president. Her six years in *captive / captivity* in the Colombian jungle attracted media attention worldwide. She was rescued in July 2008 *in / for* a daring operation by Colombian security forces.

Betancourt was born in Colombia's capital Bogota in 1961. Her mother *was / as* a politician and former Miss Colombia. Her father was also a politician and *was high / tall* up in UNESCO. Ingrid attended *elite / elitism* schools in France, England and Colombia. After graduating, she married a fellow student and they had two children. Her diplomat husband meant she traveled constantly and lived *in / all* different countries.

Her political career began in 1990. She *distributed / distribution* condoms to the poor in her *elected / election* campaign. Her motto was she would be like a condom against corruption. She was elected *to / with* government in 1994 and launched her Green Oxygen Party. Four years later she became a Senator. In February 2002, she *ignited / ignored* government warnings and tried to campaign in FARC-held territory.

The FARC had *no / know* plan to kidnap Betancourt. She walked straight *into / up* their hands. She became the FARC's most valuable hostage. Her 2,321 days in captivity were full of reports about her *ill / illness* health and wretched living conditions. A video released in 2007 showed her looking *desperately / desperation* frail. Following her daring rescue, she received the Legion of Honour from French President Sarkozy.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. the world's most famous ashgeto
2. She was nppkidaed in 2002
3. attracted eidma attention worldwide
4. security rcesof

Paragraph 2

5. Betancourt was born in Colombia's acaiplt Bogota
6. Ingrid attended tilee schools
7. she married a wellfo student
8. lived in rnfdteief countries

Paragraph 3

9. Her clipiolta career began in 1990
10. tocleein campaign
11. She was lcedtee to government in 1994
12. she ignored government ninagswr

Paragraph 4

13. She walked straight into their dsahn
14. ill lahhet
15. looking desperately ilrfa
16. her daring scuere

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () hands. She became the FARC's most valuable hostage. Her 2,321 days in captivity were full of reports about her ill
- () like a condom against corruption. She was elected to government in 1994 and launched her Green Oxygen Party. Four
- (**1**) Ingrid Betancourt is a Colombian-French politician and formerly the world's most famous hostage. She was kidnapped in 2002
- () husband meant she traveled constantly and lived in different countries.
- () The FARC had no plan to Kidnap Betancourt. She walked straight into their
- () Betancourt was born in Colombia's capital Bogota in 1961. Her mother was a politician and former Miss
- () rescued in July 2008 in a daring operation by Colombian security forces.
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- () captivity in the Colombian jungle attracted media attention worldwide. She was

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. the in captivity in years six jungle Colombian

2. in in operation rescued 2008 daring was July a She

3. was Miss a Colombia politician Her and mother former

4. After student fellow a married she , graduating

5. husband she constantly diplomat meant traveled Her

6. Her 1990 in began career political

7. ignored she , 2002 February In warnings government

8. The Betancourt kidnap to plan no had FARC

9. the most hostage became FARC's valuable She

10. wretched her living ill conditions health reports and about

INGRID BETANCOURT DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Ingrid Betancourt?
2. Would you like to meet Ingrid Betancourt?
3. What would you like to know about Ingrid Betancourt and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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INGRID BETANCOURT DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Ingrid Betancourt?
2. What questions would you like to ask Ingrid Betancourt?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

INGRID BETANCOURT SURVEY:

Write five questions about Ingrid Betancourt 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.

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

3. INGRID BETANCOURT POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Ingrid Betancourt. 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 Ingrid Betancourt. 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 Ingrid Betancourt. 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 "Ingrid Betancourt expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.