Topic 6

Task 1: Talking about a topic

In this first task you are going to give a short talk on a topic. You should talk about only 3 or 4 of the points suggested. The talk should last from 3 to 4 minutes. When the teacher signals you to stop, you should bring your talk to a conclusion. At the end of your talk your companion will comment briefly on something you have said. You should not interrupt your companion during his / her talk, but at the end of your companion’s talk you should also make a brief comment.

Topic 6: Celebrities and Fame

'A celebrity is a person who works hard all his life to become well known, and then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognised.' (Fred Allen, American humorist)

'I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve it through not dying.' (Woody Allen, American writer, director and actor)

- How far should the paparazzi go?
- Fame can make you or break you.
- Who wants to be a millionaire?
- The cult of celebrities - the famous belong to everyone.
- Fame is a good business for others.
- Would you like to be famous for a day?
- We like to hear bad news about famous people because it helps to compensate for our envy of them.
- Do public figures have the right to a private life?