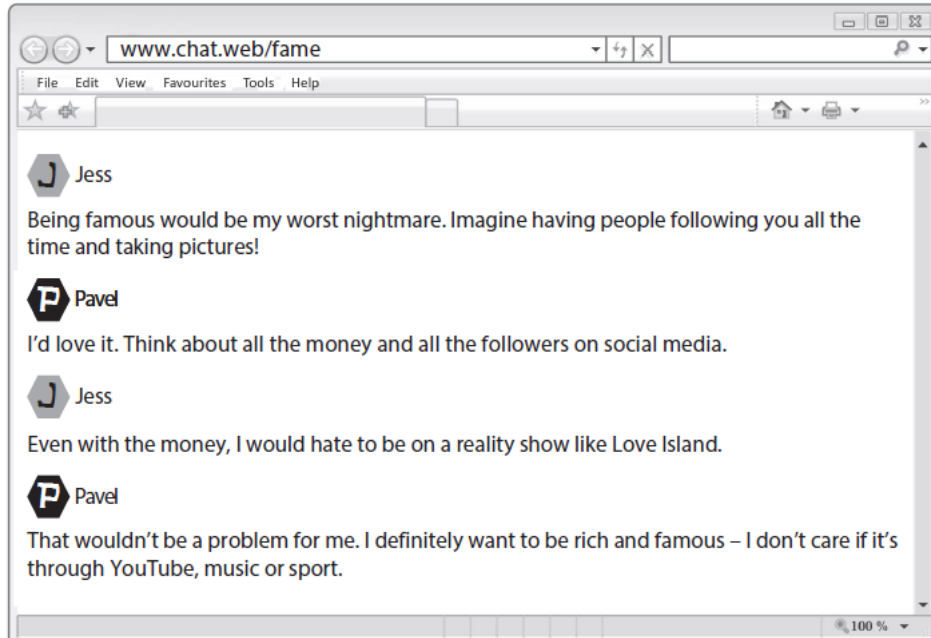


# Functional Skills English | Level 1

## Web Forum Contribution Learner Response and Examiner Comments

### Information



### Writing Task

Write a web forum contribution giving your views on being famous.

In your contribution, you should:

- describe the advantages and disadvantages of being famous
- say whether or not you would like to be famous
- explain why you think this way.

You should aim to write about 200 to 250 words.

(21 marks)

Being famous it is more than be popular? <sup>Yes</sup> Social media, the news and the TV programs can give you the opportunities to be recognised for many <sup>of</sup> people around the world, very quickly!

The society make you famous in a positive or in a negative way, because all the time people wants to know things about another people. We are like that!

Advantages and disadvantages!

In the music industry, it is the most popular on YouTube to see the advantages like eg. money, publicity, comments which is ~~showing it~~ <sup>showed</sup> probably just 50% from all the information, they are very persuasive and well trained to sell them <sup>as a</sup> product 'his name', or 'your name'

In the reality one from 5 famous people recognised that all that money is take them in a bad environment which is causing massive stress, anxiety or mental health problems.

One of them which is very famous was 'Michael Tyson', he make a fortune when he was boxing for a professional. But, he lost all his money in drugs, alcohol and poker. He lost all his money and he said 'It's not easy to have all what you want and lost everything in one go'.



Famous? Prefer not...!

In my humble opinion, I prefer to not be a famous, because that could cause me stress. To be a famous, it will be a massive change for my life and to be honest, I personally like what I am doing.

To have a healthy life and to enjoyed ~~that~~ a 100% is the best way to live it.

So, I preferred not to be famous and to be a <sup>normal</sup> ~~normal~~ people in society.

Why?

I personally believe that is a very important decision to be 'like others normal people', because the humanity is forgotten to live for today and do it well in a healthy way.

For me, famous — Not!

Hope that contribution will make you reflect how 'good' is to be a famous!

For more information you can contact me at

Thanks.

(Total for Task 1 = 21 marks)

## **BORDERLINE PASS**

### **Composition**

The learner communicates ideas and opinions about the desirability of celebrity reasonably clearly, including appropriate detail, for instance with the example of Mike Tyson. The piece is appropriate for purpose and audience, making a reasonably persuasive case for the advantages of normality over fame. For Composition, the first bullet point in the mark band determines the mark given and so a middle band mark (5-8 for the longer Task 1) is awarded.

Consideration is then given to the other three bullet points to determine whether the piece merits 5, 6, 7 or 8 marks. How well does the learner handle format, structure and paragraphing, as well as sentence and vocabulary range?

The piece is appropriately and cohesively structured. A range of vocabulary and sentences is used and there is evidence of paragraphing. There are no specific formatting requirements for a web forum contribution. A mark at the top of the middle band is awarded.

Mark: 8

### **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**

Spelling, punctuation and grammar are reasonably accurate and a lower mid-band mark is merited.

Mark: 4