

The Boy Who Wanted to be Famous

Topic: Personal development

Curriculum link: Health, Physical Education

Text type: Narrative

Reading level: 22

Word count: 807

Vocabulary: actor, ashore, bedraggled, famous, imagined, interviewed, lifeguard, rarest, stadium, suspiciously, valuable

Possible literacy focus

Recalling a sequence of events in a narrative.

Identifying plot features, such as orientation (who, what, where, when), problem (what went wrong) and resolution (how the problem was fixed).

Summary

This book is about a boy who daydreams about being famous. He becomes famous for a day when he saves a rare cat and ends up in the newspaper.

Task Card

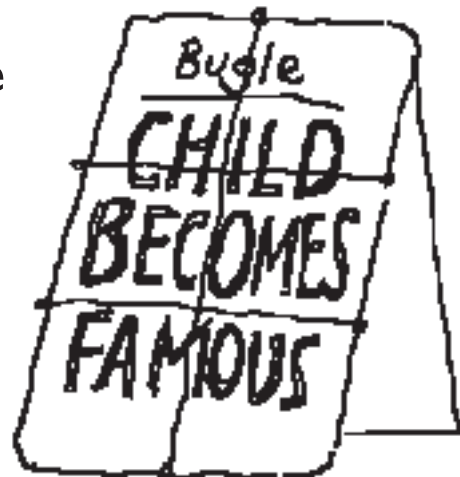
Newspaper headlines

You will need:



A3 paper, pencils, felt-tip pens

1. Imagine that you are famous. How did you become famous? When did this happen?
2. Look at the newspaper headlines on the front cover of *The Boy Who Wanted to be Famous*.
3. Think about a headline that might describe you.
4. Now make your headline. Use a piece of A3 paper and thick felt-tip pens.
5. If you have time, write an article to go with the headline.





Name _____

Interview a famous person

Imagine that you are a reporter and you have the opportunity to interview a famous person. Work with a partner to role play the interview. One person plays the interviewer and the other plays the famous person. Some questions are provided to get you started. Then swap roles.

Name (of famous person): _____

Why are you famous? _____

What is it like being famous? _____

When did you become famous? _____

Other questions: _____



Name _____

Speech marks

Add speech marks to the following sentences.

Justin was very excited. Watch me on TV tonight, he told all his friends at school.

I was interviewed for the news.

Come on Justin, called his friends.

Justin stopped daydreaming and ran into the water. Look at me! he shouted to his friends.

Soon I'm going to start training for the Olympics!

Excuse me, Justin, said the music teacher.

Would you play something for the class on your recorder?

Justin stopped daydreaming. Sure, said Justin.

I like playing music. I'm going to be a rock star.

Just listen to this.

A group of children came by. Hey! they said.

Look at that cat stuck down the drain!

I wouldn't touch it if I were you, one of the children said to Justin. I bet it's really dirty. And they walked on.