



INTERVIEW WITH AN AUTHOR

You are going to listen to an interview with the author of a new book. Complete the exercises below. Try not to read the text until you have completed the exercises. Remember, you can listen as many times as you need to, so don't worry if it seems difficult to understand when you listen for the first time.

I. BEFORE YOU LISTEN.

Match the words in A with the definitions in B. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

A

B

wondered

feeling of great excitement

feedback

wanting very much to do something

rush of adrenalin

thought about something to decide if it was true

keen

time when the sun goes down and the night begins

sunset

comments and information



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2. LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW.

Decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F)

	T	F
Mary Robinson has written a book called 'Anyone Can Scream'.	—	—
Mary collected information for her book via her website.	—	—
The book is about the most exciting experiences the British public have had.	—	—
Men and women have very similar dreams and ambitions.	—	—
Women are interested in the beauty of the natural world.	—	—
Mary has always wanted to swim with dolphins.	—	—



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3. LISTEN AGAIN.

Here are some popular dreams and ambitions for British men. Put them in the correct order to make the top 5 list the author mentions during the interview.

climb Mount Everest , train and play with professional footballers , take a trip into space , fly a fighter jet , drive a Formula 1 car

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4. LISTEN AGAIN.

Here are some popular dreams and ambitions for British women. Put them in the correct order to make the top 5 list the author mentions during the interview.

visit the Galapagos Islands , visit the Amazon rain forest , see the Northern Lights , watch the sunset over Ayers Rock . swim with dolphins

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5. LISTEN AND READ.

Listen again to the interview and read the text to check your answers the questions above.

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A: Now, I'd like to welcome Mary Robinson to the programme. Mary has written a book called "Anyone Can Dream". Mary, can you tell us what the book is about?

B: Yes, of course. Well, one day I made a list of all the things I would love to do if I had unlimited time and money. It's really a list of my dreams. And then I wondered, how would my list compare to the lists of others? What are the most common dreams and ambitions of the British people? So, via my website, I asked five thousand people to make a list similar to mine and I wrote a book about the results.

A: How interesting. And, so what did you discover? What would the British people do if they had unlimited time and money?

B: Well we could divide the nation into two groups: men and women. The feedback certainly suggested that men have a very different list of dreams to that of women. For example, men are very keen to feel the rush of adrenalin.

A: Could you give us a list of the top 5 dreams for men?



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- B:** Certainly. Number five on the list of men's dreams is to climb Mount Everest. At number four, men would like to fly a fighter jet and at number three they said they would like to drive a Formula One car. In fact, sport is very important for men. Number two on the list is to train and play with professional footballers. Other popular dreams among men include playing golf with Tiger Woods and cycling a stage of the Tour de France. However, number one for men is to take a trip into space.
- A:** So with unlimited time and money, more men would prefer to go into space rather than do any other activity?
- B:** Yes that's right.
- A:** And what about women? What are the top five dreams of British women?
- B:** Well, women are much more interested in the beauty of the natural world. At number five, women would like to watch the sunset over Ayers Rock in Australia. At number four, women would like to visit the Galapagos Islands, and at number three visit the Amazon Rain Forest. The second most popular dream for women is to see the Northern Lights. But in first position, a very clear winner, most women would like to swim in the wild with dolphins.
- A:** And you Mary, what was at the top of your list?
- B:** Well, I've always wanted to walk the Great Wall of China. It's a dream I've had since I was a child.
- A:** Well, I hope your dream comes true. And good luck with your book.
- B:** Thank you.