

Duchess of Cambridge on Vogue cover

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A British princess has made her debut as a model on the front cover of the fashion magazine Vogue. Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, posed for seven photographs for the 100-year anniversary of the world-famous style magazine. The publication's June issue will feature the photographs of the 34-

year-old royal. They were taken by the eminent British photographer Josh Olins in January in the English countryside. Two of the pictures will also go on display at Britain's National Portrait Gallery in London in an exhibition called Vogue 100. By choosing British Vogue for her first ever cover, Kate is following in the footsteps of her mother-in-law. Princess Diana graced the cover of the magazine four times.

A spokesman for the duchess spoke about Kate's happiness at appearing in the magazine. He said: "The duchess was delighted to play a part in celebrating the centenary of an institution that has given a platform to some of the most renowned photographers in this country's history." He added: "She would like to thank Josh Olins for being such a pleasure to work with. The duchess had never taken part in a photography shoot like this before. She hopes that people appreciate the portraits with the sense of relaxed fun with which they were taken." Mr Olins spoke about the photo shoot. He said: "This was the duchess's first sitting for a magazine and she was a joy to work with. A natural."

Sources: Standard.co.uk / VanityFair.com / BBC.com

Writing

Fashion magazines are a waste of time. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

princess / model / fashion / magazine / photograph / eminent / countryside / footsteps / spokesman / delighted / centenary / pleasure / portraits / fun / relaxed / natural

True / False

- A British princess appeared in a fashion magazine for the second time. T / F
- The magazine Vogue is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. T / F
- A French photographer took the photos of the princess. T / F
- Kate's mother-in-law was on Vogue's cover four times. T / F
- The princess said she was delighted to have done the photo shoot. T / F
- The princess forgot to thank the photographer for the photos. T / F
- This was the first time Kate had taken part in such a photo shoot. T / F
- The photographer said Kate was a natural. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. debut | a. great |
| 2. anniversary | b. edition |
| 3. issue | c. organisation |
| 4. eminent | d. happy |
| 5. display | e. commemoration |
| 6. delighted | f. value |
| 7. institution | g. first appearance |
| 8. pleasure | h. feeling |
| 9. appreciate | i. show |
| 10. sense | j. joy |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Britain's Duchess of Cambridge?
- What do you know about the fashion magazine Vogue?
- What do you think of fashion magazines?
- What will the princess being on the front cover do for the magazine?
- What makes a good photographer?
- What do you think the Vogue 100 exhibition will be like?
- How similar and different are Kate and Diana, Princess of Wales?

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Phrase Match

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| 1. A British princess has made her | a. feature the photographs |
| 2. posed | b. shoot |
| 3. The publication's June issue will | c. an institution |
| 4. the pictures will also go | d. for seven photographs |
| 5. following in the footsteps | e. to work with |
| 6. The duchess was delighted | f. debut as a model |
| 7. celebrating the centenary of | g. appreciate the portraits |
| 8. She hopes that people | h. to play a part |
| 9. the photo | i. on display |
| 10. she was a joy | j. of her mother-in-law |

Discussion – Student B

- What is the best photo you've taken, and why?
- What makes a good portrait photograph?
- What kind of model would you be in a photo shoot?
- What kind of photographer would you like to be?
- What is your favourite fashion magazine and why?
- What kind of photos do you like?
- How much of a joy are you to work with?
- What questions would you like to ask the photographer?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. d	7. c	8. j	9. f	10. h

Role Play

Role A – Fashion

You think fashion magazines are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their magazines aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports magazines, business magazines or where-to-go / what-to-see magazines.

Role B – Sports

You think sports magazines are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their magazines aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): fashion magazines, business magazines or where-to-go / what-to-see magazines.

Role C – Business

You think business magazines are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their magazines aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports magazines, fashion magazines or where-to-go / what-to-see magazines.

Role D – Where to go / What to see

You think where-to-go / what-to-see magazines are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their magazines aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports magazines, business magazines or fashion magazines.

Speaking – Magazines

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • fashion | • nature |
| • cooking | • business |
| • cars | • home and garden |
| • sports | • where to go / what to see |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.