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THE ARTICLE

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Sexy photographs of Hollywood movie actress Sophia Loren have shocked the entertainment world. Ms Loren, 71, posed nude for the famous Pirelli calendar. Sources say she wore nothing except for a large pair of diamond earrings. Loren will be the oldest model to appear in the calendar, which is famous for attracting the world's most beautiful and glamorous models and actresses to appear naked on its pages. The Pirelli tire manufacturer has produced the calendar every year since 1964. It cannot be bought in the shops, but is given as a present to around 33,000 high profile customers and celebrities worldwide.

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WARM-UPS

1. SOPHIA LOREN: Walk around the class and talk to many students. Find out what they know about Sophia Loren. Ask people who is the most beautiful actress or model in the world. Share your findings with new partners.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words are most interesting and which are most boring.

Photographs / Hollywood / shock / posing nude / diamond earrings / calendars / tires / celebrities / photo studios / big changes / sex symbols / being 100 years old

Have a chat about the topics you liked. For more conversation, change topics and partners frequently.

3. AT 71?: With your partner(s), decide which of the following things a 71-year-old should or should not do. Give each thing a score from 10 (no problem) to 1 (a big problem). Change partners and compare your answers.

_____ Pose naked for calendars

_____ Skateboard

_____ Wear hip-hop clothes

_____ Work on a farm

_____ Collect Disney items

_____ Raise children

_____ Go on dates

_____ Go to rock concerts

4. BIG CHANGES: Write down (or brainstorm) three big changes members of your class might take in their lives. Talk about them with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you found out.

5. NUDITY: Which of the arguments below do you agree with? Talk about them with your partner(s).

- a. I would never pose nude for the camera. Not for all the money in the world.
- b. Posing nude for a calendar is the same as pornography.
- c. The job of a model is an important one.
- d. It's not right for 70-year-old people to pose naked for fashion.
- e. Nudity should be banned from magazines, movies, calendars, advertising, etc.
- f. It's unfair that most photographs taken of the naked body are of women.
- g. I would not like it if one of my grandparents wanted to be a nude model.
- h. Painting or drawing the naked body is not bad. Photographing it is bad.

6. SEX SYMBOLS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the phrase 'sex symbol'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

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|--|-------|
| a. Movie actress Sophia Loren has posed for Playboy magazine. | T / F |
| b. Sophia Loren is the second oldest model to appear in the calendar. | T / F |
| c. Sophia Loren has been a model for calendars since 1964. | T / F |
| d. The Pirelli calendar costs over one hundred US dollars. | T / F |
| e. Shooting for the photographs was done in America. | T / F |
| f. Ms. Loren said she felt like a young girl while being photographed. | T / F |
| g. Ms. Loren has refused many offers to appear nude in movies. | T / F |
| h. Ms. Loren said that you have to be born a sex symbol. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| a. photographs | half a century |
| b. nude | maker |
| c. famous | huge |
| d. manufacturer | naked |
| e. bought | taken |
| f. spokesperson | purchased |
| g. shot | pictures |
| h. fantastic | representative |
| i. big | wonderful |
| j. 50 years | well known |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| a. posed | since 1964 |
| b. she wore nothing except | fantastic |
| c. attracting the world's | in America |
| d. every year | nude for the famous Pirelli calendar |
| e. given as | change for Ms Loren |
| f. The pictures were shot | for a large pair of diamond earrings |
| g. she looks | sex symbol |
| h. It is a big | a present |
| i. her 90-film acting career, | most beautiful and glamorous models |
| j. "You have to be born a | that has lasted 50 years |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

GAP FILL: Put the words in the column on the right into the gaps in the text.

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attracting
except
produced
high
shocked
appear
posed
naked

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before
become
shot
change
lasted
confirm
nearly
once

LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionaries / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words '**sex**' and '**symbol**'.

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. STUDENT "NUDITY" SURVEY: In pairs / groups, write down questions about nudity.

- Ask other classmates your questions and note down their answers.
- Go back to your original partner / group and compare your findings.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

6. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall exactly how these were used in the text:

shocked
except
oldest
pages
shops
profile

shot
girl
change
50 years
clothes
born

DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- b. What do you think of nude photographs?
- c. Why do you think Sophia Loren did the photos at the age of 71?
- d. What would you think if a close elderly relative decided to do the same thing?
- e. Do you think calendars showing naked women are necessary in the twenty-first century?
- f. Would you like to be a photographer working on the Pirelli calendar?
- g. Do you agree that you are born a sex symbol?
- h. Does the world need sex symbols?
- i. What do people think about nudity in your country?
- j. Do you think Loren's photograph will help Pirelli sell more tires?

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a. Did you like reading this article?
- b. What do you think about what you read?
- c. What is the lowest amount of money you would accept for posing naked for the camera?
- d. Do you think there's a difference between calendars showing naked women or men and adult magazines showing naked people?
- e. Do you think fans of Ms. Loren will be upset?
- f. Would you like to see the photograph of the naked Sophia Loren?
- g. Do you think a 71-year-old's naked body can look "fantastic"?
- h. Are people who pose nude for photographs weak or brave?
- i. Have you ever made any big changes in your life?
- j. Did you like this discussion?

AFTER DISCUSSION: Join another partner / group and tell them what you talked about.

- a. What was the most interesting thing you heard?
- b. Was there a question you didn't like?
- c. Was there something you totally disagreed with?
- d. What did you like talking about?
- e. Which was the most difficult question?

SPEAKING

LEGEND INTERVIEW: Role play the following interview with your partner.

Student A is a famous 71-year-old actor who has posed naked for a fashion calendar. It is the first time for this actor to have shown his/her naked body.

Student B is an entertainment magazine reporter.

Look at these prompts and think of questions and answers for the interview. Conduct the interview.

Movie career

Pornography

Reasons why

Fans

Nudity

71-year-old bodies

Sex symbols

Being old

Playboy / Play girl

Future assignments

Change roles and repeat the role play. Comment in groups about the differences between the two role plays.

After the role play, talk about whether you believed what you were saying in your roles.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find information about the Pirelli Calendar. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s).

3. NUDITY GUIDELINES: Make a list of guidelines about how much nudity there can be on TV, movies, advertisements, magazines, etc. Show your guidelines to your classmates in the next lesson. Which guidelines did you agree or disagree with?

4. LETTER: Write a letter to Sophia Loren. Tell her what you think of her posing naked for a calendar. Show your letter to your classmates in the next lesson. Your classmates will write a reply.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. F c. F d. F e. T f. T g. T h. T

SYNONYM MATCH:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| a. photographs | pictures |
| b. nude | naked |
| c. famous | well known |
| d. manufacturer | maker |
| e. bought | purchased |
| f. spokesperson | representative |
| g. shot | taken |
| h. fantastic | wonderful |
| i. big | huge |
| j. 50 years | half a century |

PHRASE MATCH:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| a. posed | nude for the famous Pirelli calendar |
| b. she wore nothing except | for a large pair of diamond earrings |
| c. attracting the world's | most beautiful and glamorous models |
| d. every year | since 1964 |
| e. given as | a present |
| f. The pictures were shot | in America |
| g. she looks | fantastic |
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