

2 LISTENING *How are they related?*

1 Listen to four conversations about famous people. How are the people related?

1. 
Michael Douglas
Catherine Zeta-Jones

2. 
Enrique Iglesias
Julio Iglesias

3. 
Francis Ford Coppola
Nicholas Cage

4. 
Annette Bening
Shirley MacLaine

3 CONVERSATION *Asking about families*

A Listen and practice.

Rita: Tell me about your brother and sister, Sue.
Sue: Well, my sister works for the government.
Rita: Oh, what does she do?
Sue: I'm not sure. She's working on a very secret project right now.
Rita: Wow! And what about your brother?
Sue: He's a wildlife photographer.
Rita: What an interesting family! Can I meet them?
Sue: Uh, no. My sister's away. She's not working in the United States this month.
Rita: And your brother?
Sue: He's traveling in the Amazon.



B Listen to the rest of the conversation. Where do Rita's parents live? What do they do?

4 PRONUNCIATION *Intonation in statements*

A Listen and practice. Notice that statements usually have falling intonation.

I'm working in Singapore. She's waiting at the bus stop. They're living at home.

B Pair work Practice the conversation in Exercise 3 again. Pay attention to the intonation in the statements.

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Ryan Reynolds was filmed in a blue-collar town of Walpole, Massachusetts, but it was set in a world most folks could only dream of. It was part of a real-life environment in this town that people couldn't even have dreamed of. I lived on this street. I had to get up at 3:30 in the morning to drive to a day of filming, says Reynolds, 30. Reynolds was a high school student in New Hampshire when he decided to pursue a acting career. He began interning with a commercial film production company and eventually earned a full-time job as a second unit director. The first unit director, a family friend, gave Reynolds the chance to step into his mentor's shoes and direct a movie. We were making independent films and eventually it turned into a big thing and then I got this project, he says. Reynolds directed and starred in the hit comedy Superbad (2007). With a cast of stars like Jonah Hill, Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks, the film was nominated for three Academy Awards. I'm proud of the movie and I still watch it when I

need a laugh. But it's always been a hoot to watch and work with those guys," he says. "But I'm not satisfied with the work I did. I didn't feel like I accomplished my goals, which is to direct a movie. That's a dream. Now, I can't think of anything I've done that I'm proud of," he says. Reynolds began acting in small roles in films like

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