

VANEEZA AHMED

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Vaneeza Ahmed, a.k.a. Vinny, was born in Lahore, Pakistan in 1971. She is one of Pakistan's best-known celebrities. She is also an extremely successful actress and model. It is difficult to go anywhere in Pakistan without seeing her face on an advertisement. In April 2008, Vinny was one of the few Pakistanis to run with the Beijing Olympics torch when it visited Islamabad.

Ahmad moved to Germany when she was young to better her education. Her parents pressured her to get into medicine and be a doctor. When she was 18, she returned to Pakistan but couldn't study medicine because she had no background in physics. Instead, she chose to do a Bachelor's degree in psychology. While at college, she did some part-time modelling.

Ahmad had no real plans to get into modelling as a career option. She was shocked to be offered dozens of jobs, including some from some big names in the Pakistani fashion industry. Her looks, elegance and brains soon made her a top model. She also launched her own fashion brand, which is now very popular among Pakistani women.

Her career in fashion led her into acting. She has starred in many different television serials. Her biggest role was in 'Jinnah', playing the daughter of Pakistan's founding father Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Vaneeza said of acting: "I could lie about it and say I'm in this field for the love of art. But I admit that I'm doing it for money."

244 words

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SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. a.k.a. | a. very |
| 2. extremely | b. selected |
| 3. advertisement | c. pushed |
| 4. better | d. also known as |
| 5. pressured | e. improve |
| 6. chose | f. commercial |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 7. option | g. confess |
| 8. brains | h. started |
| 9. launched | i. choice |
| 10. role | j. area |
| 11. field | k. intelligence |
| 12. admit | l. part |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. It is difficult to go anywhere in | a. get into medicine |
| 2. one of the | b. of art |
| 3. Her parents pressured her to | c. career option |
| 4. she had no background | d. led her into acting |
| 5. she did some | e. Pakistan without seeing her face |
| 6. modelling as a | f. part-time modelling |
| 7. Her looks, elegance and brains | g. doing it for money |
| 8. Her career in fashion | h. few Pakistanis |
| 9. for the love | i. in physics |
| 10. I admit that I'm | j. soon made her a top model |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Vaneeza Ahmed, _____, was born in Lahore, Pakistan in 1971. She _____ Pakistan's best-known celebrities. She is also an extremely successful actress and model. It is difficult to go anywhere in Pakistan without seeing _____ advertisement. In April 2008, Vinny was one of the few Pakistanis _____ the Beijing Olympics torch when it visited Islamabad.

Ahmad moved to Germany when she was young _____ education. Her parents pressured her _____ medicine and be a doctor. When she was 18, she returned to Pakistan but couldn't study medicine because _____ background in physics. Instead, she chose to do a Bachelor's degree in psychology. While at college, _____ part-time modelling.

Ahmad had no real plans to get into modelling _____. She was shocked to be offered _____, including some from some big names in the Pakistani fashion industry. Her looks, elegance _____ made her a top model. She also launched her own fashion brand, which _____ popular among Pakistani women.

Her career in fashion _____ acting. She has starred in many different television serials. Her _____ in 'Jinnah', playing the daughter of Pakistan's founding father Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Vaneeza said of acting: "I could _____ and say I'm in this field for the love of art. But _____ doing it for money."

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Vaneeza Ahmed, *a.k.a. / d.o.b.* Vinny, was born in Lahore, Pakistan in 1971. She is one of Pakistan's best-known celebrities. She is also an *extreme / extremely* successful actress and model. It is *difficulty / difficult* to go anywhere in Pakistan without seeing her face on an advertisement. In April 2008, Vinny was one of the *few / fewer* Pakistanis to run with the Beijing Olympics torch when it visited Islamabad.

Ahmad moved to Germany when she was young to *best / better* her education. Her parents pressured her to get *into / onto* medicine and be a doctor. When she was 18, she returned to Pakistan but couldn't study medicine because she had *no / not* background in physics. Instead, she chose to do a Bachelor's degree in psychology. While at college, she *made / did* some part-time modelling.

Ahmad had no *real / reality* plans to get into modelling as a career option. She was shocked *to / for* be offered dozens of jobs, including some from some big names in the Pakistani fashion industry. Her looks, *elegance / elegant* and *brains / brainy* soon made her a top model. She also launched her own fashion *brand / bland*, which is now very popular among Pakistani women.

Her career *in / by* fashion led her into acting. She has starred in *much / many* different television serials. Her biggest role was in 'Jinnah', playing the daughter of Pakistan's *founding / finding* father Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Vaneeza said of acting: "I could lie about it and say I'm in this field for the *love / lovely* of art. But I admit that I'm doing it for money."

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. one of Pakistan's best-known tceeriibls
2. an exlreyemt successful actress
3. It is difficult to go rhyneaew
4. the Beijing Olympics rhotc

Paragraph 2

5. better her uitaodcne
6. get into nmedeici
7. she had no background in psicsyh
8. she did some rtap-temi modelling

Paragraph 3

9. modelling as a career tpoino
10. offered enszod of jobs
11. Her looks, elegance and ainrsb
12. She also uncdhlea her own fashion brand

Paragraph 4

13. Her career in fashion led her into gtanci
14. television sailsre
15. the uhgredat of Pakistan's founding father
16. I mdtai that I'm doing it for money

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () run with the Beijing Olympics torch when it visited Islamabad.
- (**1**) Vaneeza Ahmed, a.k.a. Vinny, was born in Lahore, Pakistan in 1971. She is one of Pakistan's best-known
- () Ahmad had no real plans to get into modelling as a career option. She was shocked to be offered
- () had no background in physics. Instead, she chose to do a Bachelor's degree
- () seeing her face on an advertisement. In April 2008, Vinny was one of the few Pakistanis to
- () own fashion brand, which is now very popular among Pakistani women.
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- () in psychology. While at college, she did some part-time modelling.
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- () acting: "I could lie about it and say I'm in this field for the love of art. But I admit that I'm doing it for money."
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- () in 'Jinnah', playing the daughter of Pakistan's founding father Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Vaneeza said of
- () Her career in fashion led her into acting. She has starred in many different television serials. Her biggest role was
- () and brains soon made her a top model. She also launched her
- () celebrities. She is also an extremely successful actress and model. It is difficult to go anywhere in Pakistan without

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. She also extremely actress is an successful

2. anywhere go to difficult is It Pakistan in

3. get to her pressured parents Her medicine into

4. she Bachelor's chose degree to in do psychology a

5. college , she did some part - time modelling While at

6. as option get modelling career to in a plans into

7. fashion launched brand her She own also

8. daughter the father founding Pakistan's of

9. field art for I'm the in love this of

10. I'm that admit I money for it doing

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What do you know about Vaneeza Ahmed?
2. Would you like to meet Vaneeza Ahmed?
3. What would you like to know about Vaneeza Ahmed and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Vaneeza Ahmed?
2. What questions would you like to ask Vaneeza Ahmed?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE VANEEZA AHMED SURVEY:

Write five questions about Vaneeza Ahmed in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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 more information about Vaneeza Ahmed. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. VANEEZA AHMED POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Vaneeza Ahmed. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Vaneeza Ahmed. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Vaneeza Ahmed. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Vaneeza Ahmed expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.