Look at the magazine article and do the exercises to improve your reading skills.

Preparation
Match the words with the definitions and write a–f next to the number 1–6.

1. advertisement  a. A woman who stars in films.
2. Oscar b. A famous person.
3. celebrity c. An award for the best actor or actress in Hollywood.
4. nominate d. A beautiful woman who helps to sell a product.
5. model e. A poster or notice to help sell a product.
6. actress f. To suggest someone for an award.

We all know Katniss Everdeen in The Hunger Games, but who is the actress who plays her, Jennifer Lawrence?

**Fast Facts**
Name: Jennifer Shrader Lawrence
Place of birth: Kentucky, USA
Date of birth: August 15, 1990
Profession: TV and film actress

Jen’s family
Mother: Karen Lawrence
Father: Gary Lawrence
Brothers: Ben and Blaine Lawrence

**Did you know?**
Jennifer has never had acting classes.

When she was a child Jennifer liked sports and she played hockey and basketball for an all-boys team. She also worked as a model. At the age of 14 she knew she wanted to be an actress, so she went to New York City to look for work. She appeared in advertisements for MTV and the fashion company H&M and got work as an actress on TV. Her family moved to Los Angeles so that Jennifer could work on TV and in films. In 2010 she acted in the film Winter’s Bone and she was nominated for many awards including an Oscar. In 2012 she starred in the film The Hunger Games as Katniss Everdeen. When she isn’t working, Jen likes painting, surfing and playing the guitar.
1. Check your understanding: ordering
Write a number (1-7) to put these sentences about Jennifer Lawrence’s life in the correct order.

…………. She moved to Los Angeles.
…………. She moved to New York.
…………. She appeared on TV for the first time.
…………. At school she played basketball for a boys’ team.
…………. She was nominated for an Oscar.
…………. Jennifer was born in Kentucky.
…………. She played Katniss Everdeen in The Hunger Games.

2. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Jennifer is American. True False
2. Jennifer was born in July. True False
3. She has two brothers. True False
4. Jennifer took acting classes at school. True False
5. Jennifer has done some modelling. True False
6. Jennifer was nominated for an Oscar in 2010. True False
7. She likes playing the piano. True False
8. Jennifer’s family supported her dreams to be an actress. True False

3. Check your understanding: multiple choice
Circle all the answers to these questions.

1. What sports did Jennifer play at school? basketball / surfing / hockey / tennis
2. What films has Jennifer Lawrence starred in? Titanic / Transformers / Winter’s Bone / The Hunger Games
3. What cities has she lived in?  
   London / Los Angeles / Miami / New York

4. What jobs has she done?  
   actress / model / fashion designer / waitress

5. What does Jennifer do in her free time?  
   play hockey / painting / surfing / play the guitar

6. What are her two brothers called?  
   Karen / Ben / Gary / Blaine

Discussion

Who is your favourite film star?  
Are you a fan of The Hunger Games?