

Unit I

Glory, Vanity, Fame and Notoriousness

Part A Appetizer



I. Try to Find the Gems (TFG)

You might have learned of the saying, “**Fame is a magnifying glass.**” Please fill in the blanks with proper words to make the following sentences meaningful as well as grammatical.

1. A good fame is better than a good _____.
2. Vain glory blossoms but never _____.
3. When the _____ has sunk into the dust, the great name still lives.



II. Global Listening and Reading (GLR)

Please take the following **FOUR** steps to learn effectively.

Step One

Listen to each of the passages and then read the ten statements and questions following it.

For Statements 1-8, write on the line before each statement;

T (for True) if the statement agrees with the information given in the passage;

F (for False) if the statement contradicts the information given in the passage;

NG (for Not Given) if the statement is not given in the passage.

For Questions 9-10, write the answers on the lines according to the passage you have just listened to.

Step Two

If the passage proves to be too difficult for you to understand by the first listening, then look at the list of the new words and read them aloud before listening to the passage again.

Step Three

If you still have difficulty in understanding some parts of it by the second listening, then read the audio script in detail to improve your understanding. And check your answers to the ten statements and questions.

Step Four

Now if you can understand the material well by reading, listen to the record again for consolidation of listening comprehension without glancing at the audio script.



Passage 1 Striving to Be the World's Heaviest

⇒ Statements and Questions

- ___ 1. Donna Simpson is eager to make herself known to the public.
- ___ 2. Donna Simpson has more than 600 pounds now, and she wants to keep her weight at this

level.

- ___ 3. Simpson was very fat when she was a child and she was very distressed at that time.
- ___ 4. Simpson puts the video of her eating greasy foods or walking to the car at *supersizedbombshells.com*, and netizens can watch them free of charge.
- ___ 5. A Guinness World Records spokeswoman said the claim from Simpson for the title of world's heaviest woman to give birth had been rejected.
- ___ 6. Simpson wears size XXXXXL clothing, and most of her clothes are bought online.
- ___ 7. Simpson accepted a book offer and wanted to show her own reality because she took it as a good business opportunity.
- ___ 8. Philippe Gouamba, the husband-to-be of Simpson, thinks Simpson is very sexy with her curves, full belly and generous hips.
9. Where and when will Simpson plan to marry her fiancé?

10. Simpson calls herself a member of the “_____”.

❖ *New Words to Learn before Listening to the Passage Again* ❖

1. waging [ˈweɪdʒɪŋ]	<i>pr. p.</i>	开展, 进行	9. couch [kaʊtʃ]	<i>n.</i>	躺椅, 长沙发
2. calorie-rich [ˈkæləri rɪtʃ]	<i>a.</i>	富含热量的	10. suburban [səˈbʊr.bən]	<i>a.</i>	郊区的
3. model [ˈmɒdəl]	<i>vi.</i>	做模特	11. accommodating [əˈkɒmədeɪtɪŋ]	<i>pr. p.</i>	为...提供方便
4. admirers [ədˈmaɪərəz]	<i>n. (pl.)</i>	仰慕者	12. quest [kwɛst]	<i>n.</i>	追求
5. greasy [ˈɡriːsi]	<i>a.</i>	油腻的	13. girth [ɡɜːθ]	<i>n.</i>	腰围
6. plus-size [plʌs saɪz]	<i>a.</i>	超大的	14. curves [kɜːvz]	<i>n. (pl.)</i>	曲线
7. butt [bʌt]	<i>n.</i>	臀部			
8. lounging [laʊndʒɪŋ]	<i>pr. p.</i>	躺卧			

⇒ *Audio Script for Further Understanding*

A New Jersey woman is **waging**¹ a campaign to become the world's heaviest living woman, admitting that she is as hungry for attention as she is for **calorie-rich**² food.



Donna Simpson, 42, weighs more than 600 pounds (272 kg) and aims to reach 1,000 pounds (455 kg). The mother of two children, age 3 and 14, **models**³ on a website called *supersizedbombshells.com*, where **admirers**⁴ and the curious can pay to watch videos of her eating **greasy**⁵ foods or walking to the car. She has appeared in television interviews and she welcomes media coverage.

The Guinness World Records spokeswoman said Simpson has submitted a claim for the title of world's heaviest woman to give birth, a claim that is being reviewed. Among the heaviest women ever recorded was one who reportedly weighed 1,800 pounds (816 kg) and another who reportedly weighed 1,200 pounds (545 kg) at the time of their deaths.

Simpson said she has received a book offer and wants her own reality shown, partly to give **plus-size**⁶ women more confidence. She wears size XXXXXL clothing, which she buys mostly online, and calls herself a member of the “fat acceptance community”.

“The bigger your **butt**⁷ is, the bigger belly you have, the sexier you are,” Simpson said, **lounging**⁸ on the **couch**⁹ of her **suburban**¹⁰ home 40 miles south of New York.

Simpson has found a man who says he appreciates her size, and they plan to marry in Hawaii this year. She said

airlines are being **accommodating**¹¹ of her needs. Her fiancé, 49-year-old Philippe Gouamba and the father of her 3-year-old daughter, said he not only finds Simpson attractive but is also one of Simpson's biggest supporters in her **quest**¹² to expand her **girth**¹³.

"You look at her **curves**¹⁴ and see her full belly and generous hips," Gouamba said. "It's very sexy."

(302 words)



Passage 2 Woods: "A Little Nervous" about Return at Masters

⇒ Statements and Questions

- ___ 1. Tiger Woods is the one who has to take full responsibility for the sex scandal.
- ___ 2. Tiger Woods' wrongdoings were made public in his professional field.
- ___ 3. Two interviews with Tiger Woods were taken without being made public.
- ___ 4. When answering the questions under the camera the first time since the car crash, Woods described the car crash as well as his marriage, his stint in a rehabilitation clinic and much of his private life.
- ___ 5. At the second interview, Woods was as nervous and ashamed as he had been during his previous public outing.
- ___ 6. The mock and laughing from the public actually made Woods feel uneasy and ashamed.
- ___ 7. When considering how he will be accepted if he goes back to golf after the disclosure of his misdeeds, Woods hesitates to play golf again.
- ___ 8. Before his misdeeds were uncovered, Tiger Woods had been a distinguished golf player in his country and was welcomed by mid-aged people.
9. When did the car crash happen to Woods?

10. Woods plans to finish his more than four months of _____ and play at Augusta National.

❖ New Words to Learn before Listening to the Passage Again ❖

1. acknowledged [ək'nɒlɪdʒd]	<i>p. t.</i>	承认	8. stint [stɪnt]	<i>n.</i>	节俭
2. living a lie ['lɪvɪŋ ə laɪ]	<i>ger.</i>	做人虚伪	9. rehabilitation [ˌrɪːhəbɪlɪ'teɪʃən]	<i>n.</i>	康复
3. scandal ['skændəl]	<i>n.</i>	丑闻	10. transpired [træn'spaɪəd]	<i>p. p.</i>	发生, 泄露
4. misdeeds [mɪs'diːdz]	<i>n. (pl.)</i>	不端行为	11. ridicule [ˈrɪdɪkjʊːl]	<i>n.</i>	嘲笑
5. channel [ˈtʃænəl]	<i>n.</i>	频道	12. composed [kəm'pəʊzd]	<i>a.</i>	镇定的
6. aired [eəɪd]	<i>p. p.</i>	播放	13. reservations [rezə'veɪʃənz]	<i>n. (pl.)</i>	保留意见
7. ESPN (abbr.)			14. Masters [ˈmæstəz]	<i>pro. n.</i>	高尔夫锦标赛
(Entertainment and Sports Programming Network)			15. claps [klæps]	<i>n. (pl.)</i>	鼓掌
娱乐体育节目电视网			16. seclusion [sɪˈkluːʒən]	<i>n.</i>	隐居, 隔离

⇒ Audio Script for Further Understanding

Tiger Woods **acknowledged**¹ "living a lie"², saying he alone was responsible for the sex **scandal**³ that caused his downfall and that no one in his inner circle was aware of his **misdeeds**⁴.

"It was all me. I'm the one who did it. I'm the one who acted the way I acted. No one knew what was going on when it was going on," Woods told The Golf **Channel**⁵ in one of two interviews Sunday night. A second one was **aired**⁶ on **ESPN**⁷.