



Lisa In L.A. (An Interview With A Hollywood Starlet)

B2 – C1

Module 4

Here's What We
Will Be Learning
in this
Presentation:



Summary

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Vocabulary

Starlet - a young actress with aspirations to become a star.

Lightweight - (in this context) lacking seriousness, depth, or influence.

Grabbed - to arouse the interest or excitement of. (For example: The book was O.K., but it just didn't grab me.)

Sidekick - a person's assistant or close associate, especially one who has less authority than that person.

Stutter - talk with continued involuntary repetition of sounds, especially initial consonants.

Lightbulb moment - a moment of sudden inspiration, revelation, or recognition.

The Interview

The interviewer



Lisa is not your typical actor. While her peers may go for lightweight roles, she prefers to take a more serious route, choosing dark roles that deal with issues beyond her years.

Interviewer: Has it always been a conscious decision to go for the more serious roles as opposed to the glamor parts that most young actors your age take?

Lisa: Yes, I remember telling my agent at 14 that I did not want to do any light or easy roles. There are other people who could do that, but I had fallen in love with darker and edgier types of movies. The challenging roles, the grey characters- those were the parts I wanted to play.

Interviewer: What was it that grabbed you about this particular role?

Lisa: I remember watching this movie about this incredibly strong female character who is the hero of the movie and not the sidekick. Ever since then, I've been craving to do such roles. This particular role is perfect.

Interviewer: What was your audition like?

Lisa: I'm really bad at auditions. I get extremely nervous and stutter a lot. For this role, however, I was allowed to read the script before the audition, which allowed me to get to know my character and identify with her. So, I could go in there fully prepared.



Giving the audition.

Exercise 1:

Use the words from the box to complete the sentences:

stutter, darker, hero, grabbed, sidekick, edgier, lightweight

- 1) Her peers may go for _____ roles, she prefers to take a more serious route.
- 2) I had fallen in love with _____ and _____ types of movies.
- 3) What was it that _____ you about this particular role?
- 4) I get really nervous and _____ a lot.
- 5) I remember watching this movie about this incredibly strong female character who is the _____ of the movie and not the _____.

Interviewer: So what happened on your auditions, exactly?

Lisa: I was turned down after auditioning twice because I was too pretty for the role. So, I continued chasing them down and basically convinced them I was just ugly enough to do the role.

Interviewer (chuckles): Let's talk about the movie. There's some really heavy stuff in there. Were you intimidated by the story?

Lisa: Intimidated is not the word, terrified is. But, I knew that I had to do this role. It is a huge step up, career-wise and I needed to see if I could play such a character.



Clipart of a terrified Lisa.

Interviewer: When did you decide you wanted to become an actor?

Lisa: I always knew that I was going to be an actor. There was no lightbulb moment, no sudden realisation that I wanted to act. I grew up knowing who I want to be.



Lightbulb moment.

Interviewer: Your movie, "Forsaken", releases on 25th October this year. How excited are you?

Lisa: I'm thrilled. I couldn't be happier. The movie is brilliant and the whole team has done a great job. I consider myself lucky to work with such talent.



Clipart of staff of the movie.

Interviewer: What is next? What do you plan to do in the future?

Lisa: I have already signed on to play a zombie slayer role in an upcoming film. I will be in New York, filming for that role. (smiles) I will take some time to watch my movie (The Forsaken), of course. (she says goodbye and leaves for a promotional event for the movie.)



The Forsaken hits theatres in October. Watch a special trailer of the movie on YouTube.

Exercise 2:

Identify the sentences in the interview that describe Lisa's state of mind at that particular time.

For example:

I remember watching this movie about this incredibly strong female character who is the hero of the movie and not the sidekick. Ever since then, I've been **craving** to do such roles.

Emotion expressed: desire, want.

Exercise 3:

Fill in the blanks:

- 1) a moment of sudden inspiration, revelation, or recognition- _____.
- 2) lacking seriousness, depth, or influence- _____.
- 3) a person's assistant or close associate, especially one who has less authority than that person- _____.
- 4) to arouse the interest or excitement of- _____.
- 5) talk with continued involuntary repetition of sounds, especially initial consonants- _____.