

A real eye-opener

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Stage 3, Module 1

 Learning Object 3: *Anna's interview*

Exercise 1

1.1 In what medium would you find this interview?

This interview looks like the transcript of a radio or television interview.

1.2 What features indicate that it would be found in this medium?

The transcript includes the full text of the interviewer and the interviewee's questions and answers, which reads like a script. The interviewer has not added an introductory paragraph or other prose to the subject's answers.

1.3 How does the headline attract the readers' attention?

The word *pembuka* can mean 'someone or something that opens', so the headline '*pembuka mata*' can mean 'someone that opens eyes' (a pun on the fact that Fred Hollows' work was about repairing people's eyes to restore their sight). This will arouse the reader's curiosity and will make them want to read the interview to find out what the real meaning is.

1.4 What do you notice about the structure and layout of this interview?

The interview transcript is laid out like a script. The interviewer's name is not given, although the initials of the person being interviewed are included. This tells me that, for the purposes of this report, the interviewer is not as important as the person being interviewed.

1.5 According to Jacki Top, what is he not good at?

Jacki states that he is not good at learning his lines.

1.6 Apart from his friends, who does he say he would most like to invite to one of his dinner parties?

He says that he would like to invite the eminent Australian ophthalmologist, Dr Fred Hollows, who established clinics and trained doctors in underdeveloped countries to deal with the problem of blindness caused by trachoma.

1.7 Why did he select this person? Use information from the text to support your answer.

Jacki states that he chose Fred Hollows because Jacki really admires people who see a problem and try to do something to make a difference to people's lives; and because Fred Hollows is a good example of how one person can make a difference and how important it is to care for others.

1.8 What does Jacki mean when he says that \$25.00 does much more than save a person's eye?

Although he does not say so directly, I can infer that the \$25.00 also provides hope for thousands of people with trachoma; it is an opportunity to do a lot of good with very little, and provides support for the foundation's work.

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1.9 In the last paragraph of the interview, Jacki Top recites a quotation from Fred Hollows. What does this quotation tell you about Fred Hollows and his beliefs?

The quotation demonstrates that Dr Hollows is concerned with equality, particularly in terms of access to quality health care. I can infer that he believes that no matter how poor or disadvantaged a person is, we should provide them with the same level of care and concern as we would the most wealthy or important person we know.

1.10 If you could invite any famous person (dead or alive) to dinner, whom would you invite? Give reasons to support your answer.

I would invite Joe Hin Tjio, an Indonesian scientist who, in 1955, discovered the true count of human chromosomes during a lab experiment at the University of Lund, Sweden. Previously it was believed that humans possessed 48 chromosomes. However, Joe Hin Tjio discovered that we have only 46. This discovery was a very important event in scientific research into chromosomes because it enabled a better understanding of human genetics which is vital to the field of medical research.

1.11 Who do you think would be interested in reading this interview? Give reasons to support your answer.

I believe fans of Jacki Top would be interested in reading or listening to this interview to find out more about the person they admire. If someone was looking for some information about Fred Hollows and his foundation, the interview would also be informative.