2.8 Celebrity dinner party

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Summary: Finding out about famous people

Level: Lower-intermediate and above

Time: 60 minutes (30 minutes on the Net)

Language: Past tenses, ordering and prioritising, supporting
   decisions and giving reasons

Sites: http://www.celebsites.com http://www.yahoo.com

Notes: Current celebrities can be found at the CelebSites website.
   For older famous people, dead ones or the scientist / politi-
   cian / writer range, use Yahoo! sections. This can also be
   adapted for business English classes, using appropriate
   figures from the world of business, finance, etc.

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Preparation

For this activity you'll need some pictures of famous men and women (living
or dead). Try to find a selection of scientists, politicians, pop stars, actors,
writers, etc. Display the pictures and elicit any information the class knows
about the people. If you lack the time or resources to prepare an activity like
this, simply provide the names of celebrities, or perhaps have a quick quiz,
with you providing surnames and the class providing the first names as you
write them on the board.

   Explain that for this activity they should imagine that the class has won a
competition to host a celebrity dinner party and that they can invite four of
the people shown.

Online

Use the sites listed or give students a chance to practise their search skills. In
pairs, they have thirty minutes to find out about the people they are not famil-
iar with, and make some notes on their achievements and reasons for being
famous. When they have finished, they should be in a position to decide who
to invite.