UNIT 6 QUIZ A AUDIO SCRIPT

Listening 1 Exercise A

Interviewer Today we are doing our broadcast from a bookstore where Samantha Foster has been signing copies of her latest novel. Good evening, Sam.

Sam Good evening.

Interviewer Sam, your latest book sold nearly 10,000 copies in the first week and has been highly praised by reviewers. How does it feel to make the headlines?

Sam Well, it all feels a little … bizarre, actually. I've never really sought fame with my writing, so I still can't believe this is all happening to me.

Interviewer Oh, you certainly deserve it! In fact, several of our listeners are huge fans of your books. And some of them even asked if you had any advice to someone who is trying to write a bestseller.

Sam Well, I can't claim to be an expert, but one thing I would say is: you need to be determined and work hard. It's not an easy task, so you have to be persistent and keep writing. I also think you need to treat it as a job and write every day. You have to put in the hours if you want to succeed.

Interviewer So, dear listeners, determination and hard work seem to be the secret. Sam, another listener asked how you managed to have your first book published?

Sam Ha! I would say that it was all because of my friend Nicola.

Interviewer Huh … How come?

Sam Well, uh … I'd been writing my first novel on and off for a couple of years, when I decided to show it to Nicola. Nicola is not only a voracious reader – really, she will read anything you put in her hands – but also a very honest critic. And she loved the book and insisted that I should send it to a literary agent or a publisher. But I was really only writing for pleasure, so I completely ignored her advice and didn't do anything. But she did. Without my knowing, Nicola sent a few chapters to several publishers. I only found out about that when I received an email from a publisher asking to read the rest of the book.

Interviewer Wow. That must have been quite a pleasant surprise.

Sam It certainly was.

Interviewer Well, so I guess we have to thank Nicola as well for making it possible for us to read your wonderful books!