

FAME AND FORTUNE

1 Read the text and circle the best title.

- a. Anonymous Annie
- b. A Changed Woman
- c. What Ann Used to Be Like

Ann Clarke is 27 and happily married with two young children. She looks like a very normal person, who probably had a very normal past. Don't be deceived. Ann used to be very different. For a start, Ann used to be known as Annie. Annie Mator to be precise, and she used to have green hair as the lead singer in a rock group called the Animators, which used to be very successful in China and Japan in the late nineties, although it was not famous in Europe. "It was amazing at the time," Annie told me. "We used to go out on the streets of Tokyo and have hundreds of fans asking for our autographs."

I asked about Europe. "No. Nobody knew us at all in Europe, which was great because we used to get quite tired of all the attention in the Far East. We used to spend at least six months a year there, so it was nice to get back to a place where you could be anonymous."

So what happened? Why is she now a "normal" wife and mother? "In the end I just got tired of all the traveling. It used to be great to live that kind of lifestyle, but after three years of it I decided that it was time to lead a quieter life. I started going out with the drummer who was on our last tour of China, and now we're married and living in London, where nobody knows who we are, which is wonderful!"

2 Reread and answer true, false, or don't know.

- 1. Ann used to use a different name. true
- 2. Ann has green hair now. _____
- 3. Ann still sings. _____
- 4. Ann used to be recognized in Tokyo. _____
- 5. Ann used to enjoy returning to Europe. _____
- 6. Ann prefers her old lifestyle. _____
- 7. Ann married a musician. _____
- 8. She misses the fame she used to have. _____

> Write

3 Think about the music you used to like five years ago and the music you like now. How is it different? What do you think of your old music?

I used to really like Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera and I used to buy all their CDs, but now I think that their music is ...
