REAL TO ME

BEFORE YOU LISTEN

ACTIVITY 1
Discuss the following questions.

1. Would you like to be famous? Why?
2. How would your life change if you have become a celebrity?
3. What are advantages of being famous?
4. What disadvantages of being a celebrity can you think of?
5. Do you think your personality would change with a celebrity status and huge amount of money on your bank account?

WHILE LISTENING

ACTIVITY 2
You are going to listen to song by Brian McFadden: Real To Me. Which of the two sentences is the best description of the massage of the song?

A. I dream of being famous one day.
B. I know I will never be famous.
C. My family is more important to me than my career.
D. My career is more important to me than my family.
ACTIVITY 3
Listen to the song again and try to fill in the missing words.

Brian McFadden – Real To Me - Album: Real To Me

Showbiz _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and the free _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _,
men in _ _ _ _ _ _ who think they know it all,
no-one knows me but they know my name
that's not real to me,
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ lobby to the aeroplane,
another country but they start to look the same
watch the world behind a _ _ _ _ _ _ pane
that's not real to me,

when I see my babies run,
when all the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ has been and gone,
I'll _ _ _ _ _ _ my family and live in peace
now that's what's real to me real to me

Picnics in the _ _ _ _ _ _
and the children they can play
the first day of the summer
and I laze here all the day
then we'll _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the family round
and drink some English tea
then I raise up my finger
and watch _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ on TV

yeah..ohh..

now that's what's real to me

when I see my babies run,
when all the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ has been and gone,
I'll _ _ _ _ _ _ my family and live in peace
now that's what's real to me real to me

Dying _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 
room
a dangerous time to let your head make up it's own _ _ _ _ _ _
got me thinking that the spirits flown that's not real to me,

when I see my babies run,
when all the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ has been and gone,
I'll _ _ _ _ _ _ my family and live in peace
now that's what's real to me real to me

wake up you might be dreaming
wake up you might be dreaming, now
AFTER LISTENING

ACTIVITY 4
Look at the following sentences. Can you guess the meanings of the word REAL?

1. The book is based on real-life events.
2. My brother works in real estate.
3. Politicians are out of touch with the real world.
4. Unemployment is a real problem for many families.
5. What is Bono’s real name?
6. My jacket is made of real leather.
7. Get real!
8. - I have fallen in love!
   - Are you sure it is a real thing?

WORD FOCUS

REAL and TRUE have very similar meanings and very often we can use both of them in similar contexts:

Do you know the real / true reason why they did not come to the party?
This job is the first real / true test of my skills.

Sometimes, however, the two words have slightly different meanings: We use REAL when we want to say that something actually exists and is not imagined, and TRUE means that it is not invented and agrees with the known facts:

It wasn’t a dream - it was real!
Is it true that you are considering changing your job?