

Units 4–6, Schularbeit A, Transcript

Track 11: The success story of a global trader

- Tony:** Hi, Angela! It must have been really exciting to report about successful people all over the world. How did this project get started?
- Angela:** Hey, Tony! Well, everyone in our class had to choose one successful person, collect information and present this portfolio in class.
- Tony:** And how long did the whole thing take?
- Angela:** Well, from start to finish about five weeks.
- Tony:** And where there any surprises? I mean, which successful people did your classmates choose?
- Angela:** There were a lot of surprises! Pupils chose successful people out of all categories, like princesses, music stars, sports stars, actors and, of course, business people.
- Tony:** Aha. And which successful person did you choose?
- Angela:** Um ... it wasn't easy to find a successful person who fits me and I really had to think it over for a while. Finally, I decided to choose the founder of Amazon.
- Tony:** Ahhh, interesting!
- Angela:** Yeah, absolutely! Jeff Bezos is one of the most successful and richest people in the world. Beside Amazon, he's the owner of *The Washington Post*, Uber and Airbnb.
- Tony:** And what did you find out? How did he become so successful?
- Angela:** Well, even as a child, Jeff Bezos always wanted to know how things work. And then, as a teenager, he started his first business, the Dream Institute, a summer camp for children.
- Tony:** Wow! That's really amazing! How did his career go on?
- Angela:** Well, Jeff Bezos attended Princeton University and started working on Wall Street, where his career was going very well.
- Tony:** But I'm guessing Jeff Bezos had more goals in life than working on Wall Street.
- Angela:** That is absolutely correct.
- Tony:** So, what happened?
- Angela:** Jeff Bezos quit his job on Wall Street and founded the company Amazon, which first was only an online bookstore. After a few years he offered other items like clothes, CDs, toys and – and more, and it slowly became the world's largest e-commerce business.
- Tony:** Amazing! Do you know about some other goals in the life of Jeff Bezos?
- Angela:** Yeah! His newest project is space tourism. With his investment in the company Blue Origin Bezos wants to send people into space.
- Tony:** I'm really looking forward to hearing more about this project. What about his private life?
- Angela:** Jeff Bezos was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1993, he married Mackenzie Tuttle. They've got four children – three sons and one daughter, who is adopted from China.
- Tony:** But is he still married? I heard something in the news.
- Angela:** Yeah, that's true. In 2019 they announced on Twitter that they're getting a divorce.
- Tony:** Well, thank you for this interesting interview!
- Angela:** You're welcome! It was a great pleasure.