

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

WHY ARE SUNGLASSES COOL?



When you go shopping (1) _____ sunglasses, you soon realise that as (2) _____ as being overpriced, they (3) _____ heavily associated (4) _____ images of celebrity. Sunglasses are cool, and (5) _____ is a cool which seems set (6) _____ endure. Have you (7) _____ wondered why this should (8) _____?

The roots of sunglasses are anything (9) _____ glamorous, however. Amber-tinted spectacles first appeared (10) _____ the nineteenth century and (11) _____ a medical remedy for people (12) _____ eyes were oversensitive (13) _____ light. The first mass-produced versions, made (14) _____ Sam Foster of Foster Grant fame, (15) _____ sold in the 1920s in US seaside resorts. (16) _____ this point, however, they remained functional objects, and were yet (17) _____ acquire the cool image (18) _____ now enjoy.

This (19) _____ about thanks to the US air force. In the 1930s, airmen started (20) _____ wear anti-glare glasses which were (21) _____ "aviators". In the early days (22) _____ flight, these men were regarded (23) _____ heroes. Down on the ground, actors keen (24) _____ cash in on a little of that glory realised (25) _____ sunglasses represented (26) _____ short cut to intrigue. (27) _____ audiences couldn't see an actor's eyes, then they couldn't read his or her thoughts. (28) _____ human, audiences wanted to know (29) _____. So it was that the link (30) _____ the fascination of celebrity and a pair of sunglasses was forged.

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