

1 Complete the sentences with these words.

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- 1 The _____ to success is often found in hard work, with a little bit of talent thrown in.
- 2 Your first job might seem small and unimportant, but it's still a good way to open _____.
- 3 My dad was a successful fiction writer. I hope to follow in his _____.
- 4 Some actors don't work for years, then they have a hit film and suddenly make a _____.
- 5 I don't follow celebrity _____ because most of things you read about aren't even true.
- 6 Before the director was involved in an embarrassing _____, he was very popular with audiences.
- 7 The invention of the telephone was a major _____ in communications; life was never the same.
- 8 Tesla's claim to _____ is that he invented a way for electricity to travel hundreds of kilometres.

2 Write the correct endings to complete the words in bold.

Deidre: How's your mountain biking channel coming along?

Sam: Oh, not bad. It's a lot of work. I didn't realise how much work it would take to be ¹ **success**_____ at it, but our audience keeps growing and growing.

Deidre: That's ² **great**! I don't know that much about it, but from what I've learned, you have to be rather ² **ambitio**_____ . Don't you have to upload a new video every week?

Sam: Yes, we do. That means I have to find a new location with good biking trails – something ³ **inspiration**_____ so viewers will keep watching. I don't mind travelling far away to film.

Deidre: Wow, you've got such ⁴ **determina**_____ . I'm impressed!

Sam: That's one of the things I love about it. I also enjoy shooting the videos with my partner Hamish. But then I have to do the editing. In ⁵ **real**_____, I spend ten times as long editing the video as making it.

Deidre: I imagine some people start doing this, realise how much work it is, give up and end in ⁶ **fail**_____ .

Sam: Yes, but the good thing is, if we get enough viewers, we can make good money. That's great ⁷ **encourage**_____ !

Deidre: Yes, and perhaps you can become an ⁸ **influenc**_____ in the biking world. You never know!