

Preparation

Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

chat	role	public	vast
harmless	general	gossip	reality

1. something that is enjoyable and not damaging = _____ fun
2. a type of TV programme that shows 'real-life' people in a particular situation = _____
TV
3. a type of TV programme including interviews with or conversation about celebrities = a
_____ show
4. someone who another person wants to be like = a _____ model
5. another way to say 'famous' is = in the _____ eye
6. ordinary people = the _____ public
7. approximately 80% or more = the _____ majority
8. a publication in which you can read about celebrities' private lives = a _____
magazine

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

1. The article is about whether celebrity culture is harmful, for either the public or the celebrities themselves. *True* *False*
2. Fifteen per cent of teenagers have an interest in celebrities that probably isn't a cause for concern. *True* *False*
3. Young people who feel they have an 'intense-personal' relationship with a celebrity do not experience any negative consequences related to it. *True* *False*
4. A study found that celebrities were more self-centred than business administration masters students. *True* *False*
5. Celebrities from reality TV were found to be the most vain and exploitative. *True* *False*
6. Actors were the least self-obsessed group of celebrities. *True* *False*
7. The research concluded that the experience of being a celebrity made people more narcissistic than they were previously. *True* *False*
8. The author says that celebrities tend to exhibit negative qualities and are therefore not good role models. *True* *False*