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A Celebrity and the media

Celebrities **deserve privacy**

A survey **conducted** on privacy and the media has **revealed** that most people think there should be little or no **coverage** of the private lives of celebrities. This **contrasts** strongly with the huge success of celebrity magazines, which go into great detail about the lives of people **in the public eye**. It also **emerged** from the **findings** that people did not want politicians to have their private lives **exposed** in the same way. Certain **tabloids** were thought to be particularly guilty of **prying into** the lives of famous people.

SPOTLIGHT *emerge*

Emerge has several different but closely related meanings.

1 become known (as above)
2 come out of a hidden place: *She **emerged** from the lake.*
3 start to exist or appear: *After the election, new groups started to **emerge**.*

GLOSSARY

deserve	If you **deserve** sth, it is right that you should have it because of what you have done or the way you have behaved.
privacy	the state of being alone and not watched or disturbed by others
conduct *formal*	organize and/or do a particular activity: ***conduct a survey / an experiment***; SYN **carry sth out**
reveal	make sth known to sb **revelation** *n*
coverage	the reporting of news in newspapers, on TV, etc.
contrast (with sth)	show a clear difference when close together or when compared
in the public eye	well known to many people through TV or newspapers
findings (*usually pl*)	information learned as the result of research
expose	show sth that is usually hidden
tabloid	a newspaper full of pictures and/or stories about famous people, often thought of as less serious than other papers
pry (into sth)	try to find information about people's private lives

1 Circle the word(s) that are correct. More than one word may be possible.

1 Papers are often good at ***conducting / revealing / exposing*** the truth.
2 They have ***carried out / deserved / conducted*** a survey on people's hobbies.
3 I don't like the way the papers ***deserve / pry into / conduct*** people's private lives.
4 Have you read the ***coverage / tabloids / findings*** today?
5 This new information ***exposes / contrasts with / reveals*** what we already know.
6 New celebrities ***emerge / pry into / deserve*** all the time.
7 I'm sure the facts will ***be revealed / be conducted / emerge*** soon.
8 ***Findings / Coverage / Privacy*** of the news on TV is pretty good.
9 They will publish further ***findings / revelations / tabloids*** in tomorrow's paper.
10 The refugees ***pry into / deserve / expose*** our help.

2 Complete the text with suitable words from the top of the page.

The New Yorker **(1)** ..... out a survey among 650 young people in NY, and it **(2)** ..... some interesting and quite disturbing **(3)** ..... on how some teenagers view celebrity. Many believe that because they work hard, celebrities **(4)** ..... to be famous. It also **(5)** ..... from the survey that lonely teenagers are more likely to follow the lives of people in the public **(6)** ..... . These findings **(7)** ..... with the views of most older people, who have less respect for celebrities and also think they don't deserve **(8)** ..... .

3 Complete the questions with suitable words. Then write your answers, or ask another student.

ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY

1 In your country, do you have ..... newspapers? .....
2 Are they often guilty of ..... into the private lives of people in the ..... eye? .....
3 Are you happy about this, or do you think celebrities deserve some ..... ? .....
4 What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a TV ..... ? .....

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Celebrity headlines

Rocky **allegedly** back in **rehab**

Football club **rocked** by **scandal**

Shamona speaks of her marriage **hell**!

Rumours of **custody** battle over baby Sahara

Fellow celebs* **rally to** Tom's **defence**

Famous celeb loses a **fortune**!

*abbreviation of **celebrities**

GLOSSARY

allegedly	If sb **allegedly** does sth, another person says they have done it, but it has not been proved. **allege** *v*; **allegation** *n*
rehab	(*abbreviation of* **rehabilitation**) the process of helping to cure sb with a drug, alcohol, etc. problem
rock (*often passive*) *inf*	shock sb/sth very much
scandal	a situation in which important people behave in a dishonest or immoral way, which shocks people
rumour	a story or a piece of information that may or may not be true
custody	the legal right to look after a child: ***have custody of a child***
fellow *adj*	used to describe sb who is similar to you or in the same situation as you: ***fellow students/workers/passengers***
rally to sb's defence (ALSO **rally to sb's, support rally round (sb)**)	come together to help or support sb
defence	the act of protecting people from attack, criticism, etc: ***in (sb's) defence***; **defend** *v*
fortune	a large amount of money: ***make / spend / be worth a fortune***

SPOTLIGHT *hell*

Hell can be used in very different ways.

1 In some religions, it is believed to be the place where bad people go after death. OPP **heaven**

2 a very unpleasant experience or situation in which people suffer (as above): *He went **through hell** during the trial.*

3 a swear word that some people use when they are annoyed or surprised. Some people may find it offensive: *Oh **hell**, I've burnt the toast!*

4 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you.

1 allegedly allegation .....
2 allegedly allegation .....
3 scandal rally .....
4 fortune student .....
5 rehab rehabilitation .....
6 rumour custody .....
7 rumour custody .....
8 fellow defence .....

5 Rewrite the sentence using the word in capitals. Keep the same meaning.

1 He is said to have lost all his money. ALLEGEDLY .....
2 They acted to protect her. DEFENCE .....
3 They say she has a lot of money. FORTUNE .....
4 Jason has the legal right to look after his son. CUSTODY .....
5 He's had a terrible time recently. HELL .....
6 She's had support from people who work with her. FELLOW .....

6 Complete each dialogue.

A I heard a **(1)** ..... that the health minister is about to resign. Do you think it's true?
~ Well, there has been an **(2)** ..... that he's involved in a financial **(3)** ..... .
Really? If that's true, it would really **(4)** ..... the government, wouldn't it?
~ Yes, and his life would be **(5)** ..... for a while.

B One of the tabloids is **(6)** ..... that the star of the new Mad Max is in **(7)** ..... again.
~ I'm not surprised. He has already lost a **(8)** ..... from gambling.
That's right. And he lost **(9)** ..... of his young son because of that.
~ Poor guy. Still, I expect his **(10)** ..... celebs will **(11)** ..... round and **(12)** ..... him.

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