

Unit 11

A Choose the correct answer.

- Her popularity was so sudden, she felt as if her life were getting out of **hand** / **hands**.
- He hopes that appearing on the talent show will help him make a **comeback** / **stardom**.
- Five year-old Sunny stole the **headlines** / **limelight** everywhere the film premiered.
- Despite being widely **acclaimed** / **fabled** by critics, his second film failed to win any awards.
- Could you **discreetly** / **discretely** ask him for his autograph, please?
- Dickens' novels were originally published in **excerpts** / **instalments** in magazines.
- She was furious when she saw her speeches **hounded** / **lampooned** on prime time television.
- Some people believed that the department was involved in the **conspiratorial** / **conspiracy**.
- They never expected to be **dropped** / **signed** from the record label after their online video success.
- She was paid upwards of / to \$25 million for the rights to her latest novel.
- The unorthodox art on her album cover helped to put her music on the **headlines** / **map**.
- As war **correspondent** / **reporter** for television news, he had many life-changing experiences.

B Choose the correct answer.

- Although she was _____ for her parties, she was never actually successful in her field.
a eminent b fabled c illustrious d slandered
- He became a virtual recluse after being _____ by a fan.
a hounded b slandered c sought d stalked
- His films are a riot of colour, yet his own dress sense and lifestyle are at odds _____ that opulence.
a of b on c to d with
- The twins _____ the peak of stardom at the age of only fourteen.
a got b hit c reached d stole
- As an actor, his capacity for improvisation was behind some of Hollywood's more _____ lines.
a acclaimed b eminent c feasible d immortal
- The costumes were clearly plagiarised and the designer should have been sacked _____ the spot.
a at b from c in d on
- You can read _____ from his autobiography on his web to encourage you to buy the book.
a anecdotes b excerpts c gossips d instalments
- According to a _____ at the film studio, his new film will star his brother in the lead role.
a blackmail b gossip c leak d paper
- Their reporting of the award-ceremony was so _____ that many people complained on Twitter.
a chaotic b credible c impartial d objective

C Complete the sentences with these words and phrases.

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- We're hoping to find a sponsor for the film festival but there's no real _____ what will happen.
- In between _____ autographs at posing for selfies, he managed to speak to the press.
- No one had much faith in his project, but he just decided there was no harm in _____.
- I always wanted to be an actor; I know you're never too old _____ but I'll never be confident enough.
- They're always trying _____ the same sector of the public. They need new audiences.
- You mustn't forget _____ the prince before you take the award.
- I really don't understand why you think he's funny at all but I suppose there's no _____ for taste.
- He couldn't stop _____ any autographs as security was too tight.
- You don't like any of fifteen the films on?! There's just no _____ some people.
- Do you remember _____ him before you fainted?

D Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 After winning a national photography competition, she went on _____ (direct) a trilogy of films.
- 2 He became notorious in academic circles for _____ (publish) a controversial paper on Einstein.
- 3 _____ (know) how to be friendly but persistent are key skills for TV interviewers.
- 4 Honestly, his stand-up really makes me _____ (laugh) but I don't like his films.
- 5 The film had seven nominations but it didn't win a single award! No one saw that _____ (come)!
- 6 He became famous by _____ (create) art that was revolutionary yet appealed to the general public.
- 7 She didn't allow him _____ (ignore) by the press and insisted that they interview him too.
- 8 He quietly 'forgot' _____ (mention) the scandal as he didn't want to offend her.

E Choose the correct answer.

- 1 I really regret never _____ goodbye.
a have said b to have said c having said
- 2 If you don't have a small digital camera, try _____ your phone.
a use b to use c using
- 3 We won't let you _____ left alone.
a get b to get c getting
- 4 He had been advised repeatedly _____ into the centre alone.
a not drive b not to drive c not driving
- 5 Don't allow them to encourage you _____ your appearance in any way.
a change b to change c changing
- 6 They warned him _____ to answer all his fans' letters.
a not even attempt b not to even attempt c not even attempting
- 7 Visiting his exhibition could lead to people _____ traditional photography again.
a take up b to take up c taking up
- 8 I think they had better _____ themselves for pack of reporters waiting outside.
a prepare b to prepare c preparing