



Time to read!

1. Read the text and say if the sentences (1-8) are TRUE or FALSE.

Is Photoshop Destroying America's Body Image?



Has Photoshop gone too far?

While most people dream of magically removing their pounds, freckles and double chin, many celebrities, like Kate Winslet and Brad Pitt are against image digital manipulation.

Winslet complained and took legal action when her image was digitally altered by GQ magazine making her unrealistically thin. Also, Pitt asked W magazine not to retouch his image, and selected Chuck Close as his photographer because he is known for his extremely detailed portraits that show skin flaws, such as bags under the eyes, wrinkles and pimples.

The American Medical Association (AMA) is against image manipulation in advertising. It believes that people's mental health can be damaged by the impact of image manipulation, as it can contribute to unrealistic body image expectations, eating disorders and other emotional problems. Surprisingly, professional and public reactions are mixed. Some eating disorder specialists do not agree with

AMA because there is no evidence that supports its claim. Also, many photographers and artists are against the association due to the fact that they believe that wonderful images are created thanks to powerful tools



such as Photoshop, and they won't stop using them. They claim that photography is a creative art, and that they should be free to do whatever makes people attractive and 'as a consequence,' happier.

Is there enough research to support AMA's concern? Do artists and photographers support the objectification of people, dehumanization of beauty? We really don't know. What is clear is that

we should help teenagers free from the pressures they feel about their body. After all, what is the purpose of distorting images in magazines, and what's the message celebrities and parents are giving by undergoing plastic surgery?

Tell us how you see the impact of Photoshop on our culture. Do you believe that restricting image manipulation in advertising is a positive action or an encroachment on artistic freedom?

"To Photoshop or not to Photoshop. That is the question."

1. All celebrities dislike digital manipulation.
2. Kate Winslet and Brad Pitt have asked magazines not to alter their pictures.
3. The photographer Chuck Close erases skin flaws from pictures.
4. Experts have confirmed that image manipulation brings mental problems.
5. Specialists in eating disorders have claimed there's a lack of proof to support AMA's fears.
6. Photographers don't agree with AMA and want to have freedom in their job.
7. The writer is sure that the artists who want to use Photoshop are in favour of treating people as objects.
8. The author's main concern is to encourage teenagers to worry about their bodies.