

# Use of English

## Celebrity culture

Why do we find celebrities so (0) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

These days, it seems to be almost (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to open a newspaper or magazine without seeing an image of a celebrity in it. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ often made by members of the press is that they are only responding to public demand - it seems that people are far more interested in celebrity gossip and scandal than in the reality of our modern world.

Rightly or wrongly, the paparazzi make a very good (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by keeping up with the rich and famous. However, some high-profile celebs are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ hounded by the media. In these cases, does the press go too far? Don't these individuals have a right to some (5) \_\_\_\_\_ privacy?

Then again, celebrities often do seem to lead such interesting lives that it is perhaps (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that we want to find out more about them. In fact, some evolutionary (7) \_\_\_\_\_ have said it is natural for humans to look up to the most successful individuals in a society. In prehistoric times, this would have meant respecting good (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Today's equivalents are our celebrities, whose fame and fortune we are so envious of.

0 FASCINATE  
1 POSSIBLE  
2 ARGUE  
3 LIFE  
4 END

5 PERSON  
6 UNDERSTAND  
7 SCIENCE  
8 HUNT

