

I. Check your understanding: true or false

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

II. Check your vocabulary: Complete the gaps with a word from the text.

1. p _____ = something we think or worry about a lot (noun, paragraph 1)
2. h _____ = damaging or injurious (adjective, paragraph 1)
3. w _____ = have or show feelings of profound devotion (verb, paragraph 2)
4. s _____ = a person with whom you feel a deep affinity or connection (noun, paragraph 3)
5. n _____ = excessive interest in or admiration of oneself (noun, paragraph 5)
6. s _____ o _____ = behaving in a way that is intended to attract attention (phrasal verb, paragraph 5)
7. v _____ = excessive pride or interest in your own attractiveness (noun, paragraph 6)
8. r _____ m _____ = a person we look up to and want to be like (noun, paragraph 7)