

1 Match the definitions with the words in the box. There are two extra definitions.

A-list celebrity aspire to ~~big name~~ credibility
endorse hit the headlines in the spotlight
public appearance sneak into stalker

- 1 a famous or important person *big name*
- 2 to have a strong wish or hope to do or have something
- 3 to enter somewhere secretly
- 4 to suddenly become the main subject of stories in the media
- 5 a person who is among the most famous, especially in the entertainment business
- 6 the fact that someone can be believed or trusted
- 7 a person who illegally follows and watches someone else over a period of time
- 8 to make a public statement of your approval or support for something or someone
- 9 receiving a lot of public attention
- 10 an occasion when someone appears in a place where a lot of people can see them
- 11 the fact that someone cannot be believed or trusted
- 12 to make a public statement of your approval or support for something or someone

2 Find and correct the EIGHT words or phrases that are incorrect in the text.

I know a lot of people ~~endorse~~ to be famous but I don't think I would like to be an big celebrity. I mean I'm sure it's flattering to have your photograph taken when you make a credibility appearance, such as at the premiere of your new film, when you are all dressed up. However, I would hate to be hit the headlines 24 hours a day. I know the media follow stalkers everywhere in the hope of getting a photograph or story that will in the spotlight in the next day's paper. I would also dislike being asked to sneak products that I don't necessarily believe in just to give them some appearance.

- 1 *aspire*
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3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box and an appropriate preposition. You may need to change the form of the verbs.

adviser central engross impose knowledgeable
outbreak portrayal sympathetic

- 1 Terry Jones, who is an expert, was chosen to be an environmental *adviser to* the government.
- 2 The actress, who was recently selected to be a UN ambassador, is very *sympathetic* our cause.
- 3 I am struggling to follow the health regime that my personal trainer has *imposed* me this month.
- 4 The WHO has reported another *outbreak* Ebola in The Congo this week.
- 5 I think the author's *portrayal* the hero was very refreshing and offered us a very different perspective from the traditional one.
- 6 After having been *engrossed* in her book all day, she then decided to join us at the cinema.
- 7 I think the main actor's performance is *central* the success of the play.
- 8 We are organizing a conference with various journalists, many of whom believe they are very *knowledgeable* the matter.

4 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 The main character's actions in chapter four are central *(to)* / for / of the development of the story.
- 2 Many historians believe the outbreak *over* / of / for war in 1914 was inevitable.
- 3 Harry Feather, who was adviser *to* / for the President for six years, has just decided to resign.
- 4 Mr Brown, whose wife has Alzheimers, is very sympathetic *to* / for / with our situation and offered us some helpful advice.
- 5 I can't believe we were misled *by* / over / with the quality of this product simply because of who endorsed it.
- 6 The media coverage *from* / of / for this story has been relentless and it's time they moved on to something else.
- 7 If I have already read the book, I often find don't like an actor's portrayal *over* / to / of a character
- 8 I don't understand how she could be so engrossed *in* / to / about that lecture, the majority of which I didn't comprehend at all.

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- 2 aspire to
- 3 sneak into
- 4 hit the headlines
- 5 A-list celebrity
- 6 credibility
- 7 stalker
- 8 endorse
- 9 in the spotlight
- 10 public appearance
- 11 A-list celebrity
- 12 endorse

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- 2 big A-list
- 3 credibility public
- 4 hit the headlines in the spotlight
- 5 stalkers big names
- 6 in the spotlight hit the headlines
- 7 sneak endorse
- 8 appearance credibility

3

- 2 sympathetic to
- 3 imposed on
- 4 outbreak of
- 5 portrayal of
- 6 engrossed in
- 7 central to
- 8 knowledgeable about

4

- 2 of
- 3 to
- 4 to
- 5 over
- 6 of
- 7 of
- 8 in