



## Fame

### Before watching

- 1 Look at the advice (1–7) for becoming famous. Write ✓ (Good), ✗ (Bad) or ? (I'm not sure) to show your opinion of the advice.

The road to fame and fortune	✓	✗	?
1 Be bright. Study hard to get good qualifications.			
2 Be excellent. Choose a skill and practise it very day.			
3 Be recognisable. Your appearance is more important than your talents.			
4 Be visible. Post lots of photos and videos of yourself on social media.			
5 Be ambitious. Make celebrity your only objective in life.			
6 Be provocative. Post comments online that make people talk about you.			
7 Be calculating. Choose friends who will help you to be famous.			

### While watching

- 2a 31 Watch the video. Match the speakers with their ambition (1–4) and the main reason they have it (a–d).

Who?



Amelia



Kieran



George



Molly

What?

- 1 acting
- 2 medicine
- 3 writing
- 4 singing

Why?

- a It's useful.
- b It's a need.
- c I love it.
- d It's easy.

- 2b 31 Write the correct name or names: Molly (M), Kieran (K), George (G) or Amelia (A). Watch again to check. Who ... ?

- 1 doesn't want to be famous .....
- 2 wants people to appreciate their work .....
- 3 thinks that being famous gives you an easy life .....
- 4 hopes to earn enough to keep doing their job .....
- 5 doesn't want to be famous for no reason .....
- 6 is working hard now for their ambition .....

- 3a 31 VIDEO SKILLS Read the video skills box. Then watch again. Try and write exactly what the speakers say.

Molly: But I wouldn't want to be (1) .....  
I wouldn't want people to stop me (2) .....

Kieran: You don't need to (3) .....  
.....

George: Anyway, when you see a famous person on TV, (4) .....  
(5) ..... doesn't interest me.

Amelia: I mean, writers don't usually (6) .....  
....., but that's fine by me.

### VIDEO SKILLS: Understanding general expressions

Some words and expressions have a general, non-specific meaning:

- *things (like that)* and *stuff* can refer to objects, activities and ideas
- *something* refers to a thing or idea when you don't know exactly what it is
- *somebody* can mean 'or a similar person'

- 3b Whose opinion about fame is closest to your opinion? Explain why.

### After watching

- 4a Make two lists of the good and the bad things about being famous. Now look at your lists. Would you enjoy being famous or not?

#### BEING FAMOUS

✓ Good things

✗ Bad things

- 4b SKILLS 4 LIFE Is becoming famous as easy as some people think? Go online and find out about two famous people's roads to success. Follow these steps.

- 1 Think of two famous people. Choose one person from the arts world (e.g. a singer or actor) and one person from the world of technology (e.g. someone who started a famous company or website).
- 2 Go online and find out about their lives. Look in particular at their education and qualifications.
- 3 Think about how your skills and qualifications might one day make you very successful and famous.

### REFLECT ON IT



Why are people so interested in the lives of celebrities? Do you think it's just harmless fun or do you think it has a bad side? For example, does it stop us from doing something about important issues like poverty, climate change and war?