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## Teen idols



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## Activity 1 - Grammar



*Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in each. Which statements are factually incorrect? Check with a friend or go to the internet site for the star to find out.*

1. Tom Cruise (grow) \_\_\_\_\_ up in Liverpool, England.
2. David Beckham (decide) \_\_\_\_\_ to play for Olympiakos.
3. Dakota Fanning (star) \_\_\_\_\_ with actors like Tom Cruise and Jennifer Aniston.
4. The Olsen twins (be) \_\_\_\_\_ mega stars since they were babies.
5. Lindsay Lohan (start) \_\_\_\_\_ her career by modelling.
6. Mischa Barton (appear) \_\_\_\_\_ in the film Notting Hill with Hugh Grant when she was only twelve.
7. Jim Broadbent who (play) \_\_\_\_\_ Professor Digory Kirke in The Chronicles of Narnia hit Will on the head with a cricket ball.
8. Robbie Williams (have) \_\_\_\_\_ his first hit with the song...
9. Mat Le Blanc (make) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty- three films.
10. Rivaldo (has never play) \_\_\_\_\_ football for Barcelona.



## Activity 2 - Reading



*a) Read the definition of the word 'idol'. Does it match the qualities of famous people you know?*

In recent years there has been a great rise in the number of young people who have idols. A **teen idol** is a famous person who is admired by teenagers. The term means idol for teens; a teen idol is often young, but in many cases may be older. Teen idols are usually actors or pop singers. Although performers have always attracted young people, the teen idol mainly came about as a result of mass communications such as radio and television.

*b) Make a short list of the reasons why teenagers have idols.*



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- c) *What aspects of idols do young people copy? Why?*  
(Clothes, habits, possessions, movements). *Make notes on each thing.*

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## Activity 3

*Read the short texts on page 14 quickly and find out who says the following:*

- a Young people admire and have respect for idols
- b My friends really like her
- c I stopped liking her
- d I started to like her
- e He gives the impression of being nice
- f I want to copy him when I get older

- a \_\_\_\_\_
- b \_\_\_\_\_
- c \_\_\_\_\_
- d \_\_\_\_\_
- e \_\_\_\_\_
- f \_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 4

*Read the texts on p. 14 again carefully and find a Phrasal verb (verb + words like: up, across, off, etc.) which mean the same as the sentences in activity 3.*

- a \_\_\_\_\_
- b \_\_\_\_\_
- c \_\_\_\_\_
- d \_\_\_\_\_
- e \_\_\_\_\_
- f \_\_\_\_\_



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## Activity 5

Put each of the sentences a-g below the text into the correct space. Look carefully at the words before and after the spaces and use the pronouns (he, she, it, them, her) to help you match the sentences.

### 'Stars in Their Eyes'

Young people have always had idols to admire and look up to. In the fifties and sixties teenagers loved stars like Marilyn Monroe, Elvis and The Beatles. Today, young people also have idols, from footballers to pop stars. Youth Express finds out who young people look up to today.

"Young people have always had idols because they want someone to look up to."

#### Craig Byers, 16, Newcastle

My idol is David Beckham, the footballer. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ I think we have idols because we need someone to *look up to* and respect. In a way, it was Beckham who inspired me to play football. When I *grow up*, I want to be just like him as I have great admiration for him. I have read all kinds of things about him. My parents have been United fans all their lives, so they like him, too. I once saw him up close when I was on holiday on a beach in Greece. He felt very proud when he captained the England team in 2003.

#### Sauna Jones, 14, Liverpool

By far the person I like most is Christina Aguilera because her songs are just brilliant and she isn't a snob. She is very popular too among my school mates. I started liking her when she first came on the television, but I don't know why we idolise people. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ I think about half my friends *are into* her, too, but I have more posters than them on my walls and on my ceiling. Even my parents have idols - pop stars like Blue and Westlife. It's kinda cool. I like their idols and they like mine.

#### Toni Gilbert, 16, Manchester

It's Westlife for me. They are always on my mind. I started to like them about six months ago but before that it was Britney Spears. I *went off* her because Westlife are better, although not as successful as Britney. I know all their songs by heart. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ I think young people have idols because they like music. I don't believe everything the media puts out about my idols. My mom's idol is Robbie Williams because she is keen on his songs, but she thinks Westlife are OK, too.

#### Efi Dimitriou, 15, Athens

To my mind, Daniel Radcliffe is the best. He became famous from playing Harry Potter. I think he's popular is because he *comes across as* really kind and respectful, and also he is very good looking. He doesn't seem to care about his new fame and lives an ordinary life with his parents. He isn't at all snobbish. He made his acting debut in 1999 in a film about David Copperfield. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ I try to *get hold of* anything about him like posters and different items with his photograph in them. In fact, my bedroom is full of Harry Potter things which my mum *goes on about*.

#### Evaggelia Ioannou, Thessaloniki

My idol is Rachel from S Club because I think she is really hip and she is also very fashionable. I think I first *took to* her when S Club had their first single, Bring It All Back. Young people have idols because if they want to do the same job they get inspiration from that person and then they gain confidence to *go out* and do it themselves. I think that Rachel from S Club has helped to make me confident in my singing because I like to pretend that I am like her. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ I buy her records and posters because I like to collect things that remind me of her. I think my mom's idol is Elvis Presley and my four-year-old sister likes S Club Juniors.

#### Jade Henderson, 16, North London

My idol is Robbie Williams because he has a fantastic voice and he has *been through* a lot. I have liked him for as long as I can remember -since he was in Take That, so about 12 years. *On the whole* young people have idols because they want someone *to look up to*. I buy lots of posters and calendars of him. I love him but not all my friends do because we all have different tastes. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ My parents don't have an idol but they love some of Julio Iglesias' songs.

- a. Last year I saw them in concert and I was in tears.
- b. Since then he has appeared in all the Harry Potter films.
- c. I have collected a lot of her posters and put them on my wall.
- d. I am definitely more of a fan than they are.
- e. I have been fond of him since I was young.
- g. I look up to her like a big sister.

## Activity 6 - Comprehension

- a) Whose idol used to be in a pop group?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b) Who wanted to be like his idol when he grew up?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c) Who believes her idol has helped her in some way?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d) Whose mother isn't happy with her room?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e) Who distrusts what the newspapers and television say about their idol?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f) Who has put posters in an unusual place in her bedroom?  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Activity 7 - Language work: prepositional phrases

- a) Put the parts of the phrases into the correct column.

holiday	name	chance	tears	a way
addition	my mind	the whole	heart	far

By	in	on

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*b) Match the meanings of the phrases to a simple definition.*

by far	by luck
by heart	without thinking
by chance	more than anything
in a way	also
in tears	sort of
in addition	crying
on my mind	in general
on holiday	in my thoughts
on the whole	having a break or rest from work or school

*c) Complete the sentences below with one of the phrases from the table.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I like Fame Show, but sometimes it's a bit stupid.
- We were almost \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the film. It was so sad.
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ the best singer in the show.
- You need to learn the lyrics of the song \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Emma Roberts reminds me of Emma Watson.
- You have been \_\_\_\_\_ for ages. I can't stop thinking of you.



*d) Use the other phrases to write your own sentences in your notebooks.*

## Activity 8

*Complete the chart by adding a suitable noun form in the space provided. All the nouns appear in the reading text.*

	<u>NOUN</u>
admire	_____
inspire	_____
famous	_____
popular	_____

	<u>NOUN</u>
fashionable	_____
confident	_____
snobbish	_____
respectful	_____

## Activity 9

*Complete the sentences with a suitable word from the chart in Activity 8 B. There are 2 word sets which you do not need to use.*

- Although he is a star, Sakis has great \_\_\_\_\_ for his family and friends.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the game show has made the host very famous.
- At the beginning of her career she didn't have much \_\_\_\_\_, but now she can do just about anything.
- She is not exactly \_\_\_\_\_ but sometimes she seems to forget her roots.
- Nowadays, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to wear jeans which look worn out and old.
- Hard work, not \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to success.

## Activity 10

*Read the text below and choose the correct word from A, B, C or D for each space.*

### A Letter from the entertainer of the Year!

Hi everyone!

Joining the group has been a wonderful 1. ... for me as everyone has made me feel very at home, and now I have some great friends and 2. ... I first played the guitar when I was seven and my father 3. ... the idea that I should have music lessons. At the 4. ... I was a bit scared because I was so young. But then



after a while I kind of liked the lessons and have had lessons ever 5. ... Being in a pop group isn't easy and I have learned this the hard 6. ... On the night I won the talent competition, I 7. ... all my friends round to my house. I have spent over 2000 euros on singing lessons. We 8. ... to travel around the world when we 9. ... our new album, but we believe it will be a big hit in our 10. ... country. Now that I have reached the age of 21 I feel I am much more mature. My music sounds similar to many other rock musicians but the lyrics are really easy to understand and that's what makes us different, I guess.

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|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. a. experience  | b. sense   | c. situation    | d. time         |
| 2. a. fellows     | b. mates   | c. boys         | d. lads         |
| 3. a. knew        | b. thought | c. felt         | d. had          |
| 4. a. time        | b. moment  | c. end          | d. first        |
| 5. a. then        | b. from    | c. after        | d. since        |
| 6. a. road        | b. street  | c. way          | d. method       |
| 7. a. carried     | b. invited | c. told         | d. came         |
| 8. a. will decide | b. decided | c. are starting | d. have decided |
| 9. a. release     | b. bring   | c. free         | d. sell         |
| 10. a. house      | b. local   | c. near         | d. home         |



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## Activity 11 - Grammar



***Put the verbs in parentheses in each sentence into the correct form:  
Past Simple or Present Perfect.***

1. On 20 July 1969, Neil Armstrong (become) \_\_\_\_\_ the first human being to set foot on the moon.
2. It was the 1986 comedy Ferris Bueller's Day Off that (make) \_\_\_\_\_ Mathew Broderick a star.
3. People say that J.K. Rowling (insist) \_\_\_\_\_ that a complete unknown be cast as Cho Chang.
4. Matt Damon and his high school pal Ben Affleck (win) \_\_\_\_\_ the Best Screenplay Oscar for their script for 1997's Good Will Hunting.
5. Since 1971 Steven Spielberg (become) \_\_\_\_\_ the most successful movie maker alive.
6. Hilary Swank (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the role of a boxer in Million Dollar Baby in 2004.
7. The name of Elvis Presley (become) \_\_\_\_\_ famous all over the world.
8. Julia Roberts (be) \_\_\_\_\_ engaged to, but did not marry, actors Kiefer Sutherland and Dylan McDermott.



## Activity 12 -Sentence transformation

***Here are some sentences about entertainment. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.***

1. It took me a long time to get used to being famous.  
I spent a \_\_\_\_\_ used to being famous.
2. We could not leave the stage until the end of the show.  
We were not \_\_\_\_\_ the stage until the end of the show.
3. She hasn't been to the theatre for a long time.  
It's a long time since \_\_\_\_\_ the theatre.
4. We never run out of ideas for the show.  
We always \_\_\_\_\_ for the show.
5. I have never seen her smiling so much before.  
It's the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ smiling so much.





## Activity 13 - Grammar

Look at the drawings. What do you think has happened to each of the people shown? Match what has happened to the verbs below, and then match the activity.

have	his bus
make	a letter
have	an idea
lose	something
win	an agreement
buy	a baby
sit down	a prize
say	a new dress
write	his temper
see	on the chair



## Activity 14 - Writing task



Write a biography of a famous person. Include a photograph of the person.

## Activity 15 - Writing task



Drop a line to your favourite star. Tell them who you are and ask them for information about their lives. Give your letter to another member of the class to imagine s/he is the star and wants to give you an answer.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

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## Activity 16

*Look on the internet to find an address for and information about the following stars:*

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| i)   | Mischa Barton | iv) | Eminem            |
| ii)  | Nicole Richie | v)  | Justin Timberlake |
| iii) | Rachel Bilson | vi) | Beyoncé           |

## Activity 17

*Complete the following quiz and then check your answers with the rest of the class.*

- Which male singer sang Shake it in 2004?
- Who has scored the most points in basketball for Greece, Gallis or Giannakis?
- Who was the first black actress to win an Academy Award?
- Who won European footballer of the year in 2005?
- Which female singer has also acted in over a dozen movies, including Dick Tracy (1990)?
- Who played the lead role in Charlie and the Chocolate factory?
- Who won the Eurovision Song Contest for Greece in 2005?



## Activity 18

*Match the interviewer's questions to the correct answers.*

- Q:** What was it like working with your girlfriend Chiara?  
**A:** ...
- Q:** Is it true that you have made over ten million dollars in your career?  
**A:** ...
- Q:** What kind of people did you hang out with when you were young?  
**A:** ...
- Q:** Did you get along well with your teachers?  
**A:** ...
- Q:** Did you ever feel like you belonged?  
**A:** ...
- Q:** What's the best present you have ever received?  
**A:** ...

### Dialogue answers to choose from

- To be honest, I haven't got a clue about that stuff but maybe it's right.
- For the kid who didn't have enough ability I have done really well in life. At school I got low grades and they said they didn't expect me to do much.
- Believe it or not, we didn't record the song at the same time. I was out of town when she came in to sing her part.
- Yea, junior year I became friends with a group of kids from my school.
- I played sports so I tended to be with boys of my same interests all the time. In fact I have kept in touch with all of them since then.
- I was in the sixth grade and I was really into music. My family didn't have a lot of money, so they pooled their cash and got me a keyboard. I wrote my first song on it!

## Activity 1

*Read the following 5 texts and match the people 1-5 to a suitable holiday destination.*

**A.**

My husband and I always like to go somewhere that has facilities for the kids. We do not like walking around cities or visiting museums as the children are so young. We prefer somewhere near the sea for our annual holiday.

**B.**

Each year I like to get away to somewhere that I can relax as the job I have is very exhausting and stressful. I particularly like the island of Crete as there are so many beautiful places to see.

**C.**

My favourite destinations are places with lots of museums and historical sites. I enjoy it when I go to a place and learn about the different cultures and the way the people lived so many years ago.

**D.**

We do not like the hustle and bustle of big cosmopolitan cities and prefer small villages in the countryside when we go on holiday. I suppose we like peace and quiet and also enjoy the fresh air.

**E.**

When we go away on a school trip we like to go somewhere where there is a lot of action and nightlife. Some of our friends like museums but they don't go to them when they are with us on holiday.

**1. Bank manageress**

**2. Old-aged couple**

**3. School group of teenagers**

**4. 23 year old History student**

**5. Young family group**

marks / 5

## Activity 2

*Complete the following sentences with the correct word to make a bi-nomial pair.*

1. We hate the ..... and bustle of city life.
2. We set off ..... and early as we had to catch the ferry.
3. The littler child appeared from the cave ..... and sound.
4. There are different things to be careful about on holiday. .... and foremost is that you do not lose your passport.
5. John says he is ..... and tired of going to the same place every year on holiday.

marks / 5



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## Activity 3

*Complete the following sentences with a phrase from those given. There is one extra that you do not need.*

from time to time

one at a time

for the time being

just in time

by the time

1. There will be no seats left ..... you get to the cinema, so hurry up!
2. The teacher told us to leave the classroom ..... and not to leave altogether.
3. We are building a new house and so ..... we are staying with my grandparents.
4. We arrived at the station ..... to catch the bus.
5. Auntie Jane doesn't like the cinema so much but ..... she goes.

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## Activity 4

*Imagine you are on holiday on a Greek island. Write a postcard to your pen-friend in Lamia to tell him or her about the place and what kind of things you are doing on holiday.*

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## Activity 5

*Write five statements about changes you have seen in your city or area or in your own life in recent years.*

For example: They have knocked down an old house in my street.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

marks / 5

## Activity 6

*Use five of the adjectives in the box to write a short description of someone you know.*

handsome   honest   careless   daft   daring   talkative   cruel

For example: Gerasimos is very talkative and never shuts up.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

marks / 5

# Test

## Activity 7

*Use the words in bold to rewrite each sentence in a different way but to retain the same meaning.*

1. It's the first time I have been to Mykonos.  
**been**  
I ..... to Mykonos before.
2. It's a long time since I ate hamburgers.  
**not**  
I ..... for a long time.
3. We spent many hours learning the verbs.  
**took**  
It ..... time to learn the verbs.
4. My mother did not allow me to go until I finished my homework.  
**let**  
My mother ..... out until I finished my homework.
5. Have you visited Greece before?  
**time**  
Is ..... have visited Greece?

marks / 5

## Activity 8

*Circle the correct form of the verb in italics in each sentence 1-5.*

Madonna 1. *has been* / *is* a star for more than 25 years and she 2. *made* / *has made* many popular songs in that time. Personally, I 3. *have never seen* / *never saw* her singing but I believe she is a good performer. Before she started singing she 4. *has had* / *had* a job as a waitress in a fast food restaurant in New York. She says that she learned many useful things there that 5. *helped* / *have helped* her in her life.

marks / 5

Total marks / 40