

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

Who?



Amelia



Kieran

What?

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



George



Molly

Why?

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

- 2b 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 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?