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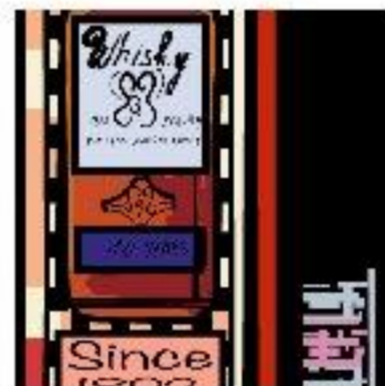
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Right Behind the Stars: The Paparazzi and Sasaeng

Before You Read

What if someone watches and follows you all the time?
Do you think a celebrity's privacy is less significant than yours?

UNIT 1

P O P C U L T U R E



glamorous adj.
syn. captivating; fascinating
 having an air of attraction, romance, or excitement

ordinary adj.
syn. normal; typical
 not special

desire v.
syn. wish
 to strongly want something

furious adj.
syn. enraged
 full of extreme and violent energy

stalk v.
 to follow persistently

purposely adv.
syn. intentionally; on purpose
 for a certain reason

unfavorable adj.
 showing or representing unpleasantly

provoke v.
syn. arouse
 to call forth emotions or feelings

controversial adj.
syn. disputable
 likely to give rise to public disagreement

misleading adj.
syn. deceptive
 designed to deceive either deliberately or inadvertently

invasion n.
syn. violation
 the act of affecting someone's life in an inappropriate way

overenthusiastic adj.
 too interested in something or excited by it

idolize v.
 to love someone unquestioningly and uncritically

commit v.
syn. carry out
 to do something illegal or morally wrong

Go through the passage and highlight 14 words that you have studied.



A Match the words with the synonyms.

- | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---|---|---------------|
| 1 | controversial | • | • | wish |
| 2 | purposely | • | • | captivating |
| 3 | desire | • | • | disputable |
| 4 | glamorous | • | • | intentionally |

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Change forms if necessary.

misleading	commit	unfavorable	ordinary
idolize	furious	stalk	invasion

- 1 The sasaengs' passion often causes them to _____ shameful acts of violation.
- 2 Some celebrities sue paparazzi agencies for _____ of privacy.
- 3 Such pictures are used to write articles with _____ titles to draw attention.
- 4 The paparazzi are no longer considered journalism because they do not hesitate to _____ celebrities.
- 5 The paparazzi take purposely _____ photographs.
- 6 Our favorite singers and actors are _____ human beings.
- 7 You might have been surprised by the celebrities' _____ expressions.
- 8 Sasaeng fans mostly consist of female teenagers who _____ K-pop stars.

Find what the paparazzi and sasaeng do and how they are different from each other.

Right Behind the Stars★

: The Paparazzi and Sasaeng

We often imagine that celebrities live glamorous lives when we see them on TV. But contrary to popular belief, our favorite singers and actors are ordinary human beings who desire privacy. Unfortunately, the paparazzi have no respect for celebrities' personal lives.

Have you ever seen pictures of angry celebrities in a magazine or on the Internet? You might have been surprised by their furious expressions in the photographs. That exact feeling of shock is what the paparazzi aim for. Once, the paparazzi were ordinary photojournalists. However, their occupation is no longer considered journalism because they do not hesitate to stalk celebrities and take purposely unfavorable photographs by provoking these stars.



Why do they do this? The primary motivator is money. They can sell controversial pictures at higher prices. In addition, such pictures are used to write articles with misleading titles to draw attention. Understandably, many celebrities feel uncomfortable whenever the paparazzi are around, and some have had to sue paparazzi agencies for invasion of privacy.



The word paparazzo (the singular form of paparazzi) originates from an Italian dialect word pappataci, which means “a small mosquito.” Used to describe the particularly annoying noise of buzzing mosquitoes, it entered English as a metaphor for intrusive photographers.

The “Sasaeng” is another serious violator of celebrities’ private lives. Sasaengs are overenthusiastic fans of the “Korean Wave.” The expression is used to describe the increasing popularity of South Korean culture and entertainment. These fans mostly consist of female teenagers who idolize K-pop stars.

The sasaengs’ passion often causes them to commit shameful acts of violation. There have been cases of these fans breaking and entering the homes of their favorite idols, and even installing surveillance cameras near their homes. On one occasion, an enthusiastic sasaeng took a taxi and chased after a boy band through a GPS tracker, which ended in a six-car accident.

While it is normal to enjoy pop culture and its superstars, we must remember that the stars we see on screen and on stage are people. We can’t violate a person’s privacy just because he or she is famous. Everyone deserves respect and common courtesy, regardless of one’s occupation or celebrity status.

Pop Quiz

The word “invasion” in the 3rd paragraph has the closest meaning to the word “_____” in the 5th paragraph.

A Write **T_{True}** or **F_{False}** according to the passage.

True or False

- 1 _____ Many celebrities dislike the paparazzi's excessive actions.
- 2 _____ Money is the primary motivator for the sasaeng fans.
- 3 _____ The paparazzi are seen as ordinary photojournalists.

B Choose the best answers.

Understanding Details

- 1 The primary purpose of the passage is to address _____ .
 - a. sasaeng fans' excessive behaviors
 - b. how the paparazzi and sasaengs negatively affect celebrities' lives
 - c. how much the paparazzi earn from their pictures
 - d. that the paparazzi is worse than sasaengs
- 2 Which of the following is NOT true about the paparazzi and sasaeng fans?
 - a. The paparazzi first began as photojournalists.
 - b. The paparazzi stalk celebrities to take unfavorable pictures.
 - c. Sasaengs are overenthusiastic fans of the "Korean Wave."
 - d. Sasaeng fans are too young to be able to commit violations.
- 3 Why do the paparazzi provoke the celebrities?
 - a. to break the barrier between fans and celebrities
 - b. to record what celebrities wear on normal days
 - c. to lose the popularity of celebrities
 - d. to take pictures of the celebrities' angry reactions
- 4 What is NOT mentioned as a way for sasaengs to stalk idols?
 - a. taking personal transportation to track down celebrities
 - b. breaking into their idols' homes to meet them
 - c. relocating to an apartment near their idols' homes
 - d. installing security cameras near their idols' homes

- ★
5 What is the difference between the paparazzi and sasaeng fans?
- The paparazzi are often hated by celebrities, but sasaengs are not.
 - The paparazzi are often aggressive, but sasaengs are more careful.
 - Sasaeng fans are mostly females, but the paparazzi are usually males.
 - Sasaengs aren't paid for what they do, but the paparazzi are paid.

- ★
6 What can be inferred from the passage?
- Sasaeng fans should consider joining the paparazzi since they can earn money.
 - Celebrities should have their private lives under stricter control.
 - Paparazzi's activities should be legally banned worldwide.
 - Invading a human being's privacy is not a rightful thing to do.

C Rewrite the sentences, using the **present perfect**.

Focus on Sentences

There are cases of fans installing surveillance cameras near their homes.

→ There **have been** cases of fans installing surveillance cameras near their homes these days.

- 1 There are many attempts to develop a modern snowboard.

→ _____
to develop a modern snowboard since 1965.

- 2 Over one thousand people live in Prince Edward Island.

→ _____
in Prince Edward Island since their ancestors arrived on the island.