

## B1.8 Fame and Celebrity

### You can learn:

- How to discuss fame and celebrities.
- How to describe encounters with important people.

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**Discuss the questions in the box, which are all related to the topic of fame, with your partner.**

- Which famous person, alive today, do you most admire and why? Which person from history?
- How would you spend a day with these people if it was possible? What would you like to do with them?
- Would you like to be famous? Why/why not?
- Do you think famous people have a right to a private life away from journalists? Why/why not?
- Which celebrities did you admire when you were younger? Politicians? Pop stars? Sports people?
- Have you ever seen a famous person in reality? What happened? Did you get an autograph?
- Why do you think people are interested in celebrities? Do you read gossip about the stars?
- If you could be a famous person for a day, who would you choose to be and why?

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Look at the list of famous people from the past in the box. Which two of these would you most like to have a conversation with and why?

*Princess Diana* *Albert Einstein*

**Karl Marx** *William Shakespeare*

**Leonardo da Vinci** **Michael Jackson**

**Margaret Thatcher** **Vincent Van Gogh**

**Mother Teresa** **MARTIN LUTHER KING**

**Salvador Dali** **VACLAV HAVEL**

**Ludwig van Beethoven** **Confucius**

If you could travel back in time, which period in history would you like to have lived in and why?



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3  Now look at this list of famous people who are still alive. Which three would you most like to talk to and why?

*Prince William*

*Tom Cruise*

**Elton John**

*J.K. Rowling*

**David Beckham**

**Tiger Woods**

**Beyonce Knowles**

**Nelson Mandela**

**Angelina Jolie**

**MADONNA**

**Aung San Suu Kyi**

**ANGELA MERKEL**

**Christine Lagarde**

**President Barack Obama**

*I would like to meet Nelson Mandela. I really admire the way he reacted when he was set free after being in prison in South Africa for so long.*

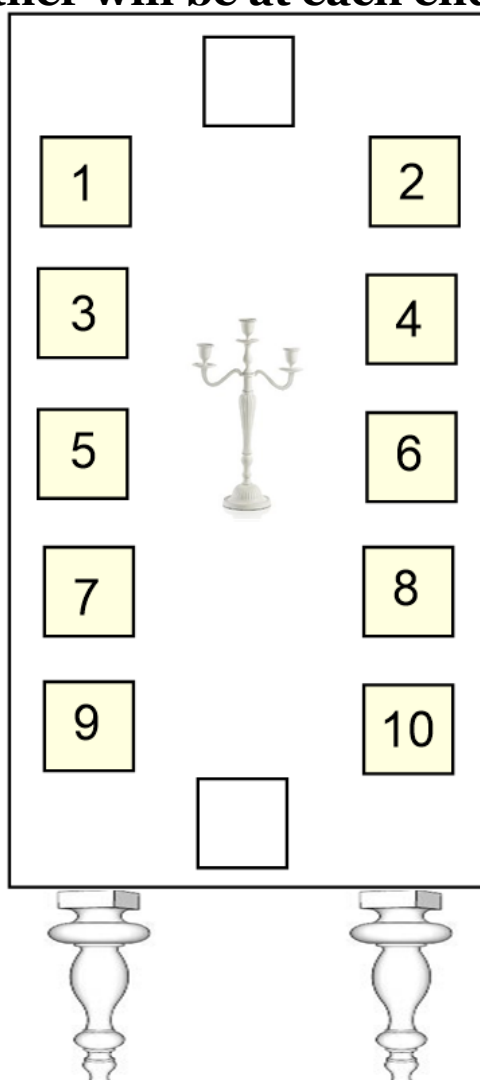
*I would like to speak to Angela Merkel. But, I'm afraid I want to tell her she has got it all wrong! I want to let her know...*

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**Now imagine you have a fantasy dinner party. You and your partner can choose any of the people from the previous activity, or any other famous people you want, living or from the past. You can have five guests each. You must also decide who will sit next to whom and who will sit opposite each other. You and your partner will be at each end of the table.**



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**Now write an imagined interview with a famous person you admire.**

*So, President Obama, why did you choose politics?*

