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THE ARTICLE

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The photo sparked a flurry of activity on the micro-blogging site Twitter. A lot of jealous and angry fans of Mr Bieber posted some nasty and vicious comments. One comment read: "Roses are red, violets are blue, Selena Gomez if you break Justin Bieber's heart I'm gonna kill you." Other posts from more possessive Bieber fans were a lot worse. Curiously, there were no posts on Bieber's Twitter account from irate males protesting over his stealing Ms Gomez from their hearts. Mr Bieber gave the media very little to speculate about on his Twitter profile. He posted: "Chillin and happy. It's been a fun year with a lot of blessings. Some crazy rumors but so much love and memories."

WARM-UPS

1. JUSTIN BIEBER AND SELENA GOMEZ: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

speculation / heartthrobs / embrace / private yacht / photographs / press / big sister / micro-blogging / jealous / nasty comments / possessive / irate / stealing / blessings

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SPECULATION: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

Speculation about...	What is it?	Is there any truth in it?
Your country's leader		
Sport		
The climate		
The economy		
A rock star / actor		
2011		

4. CELEBRITY: Students A **strongly** believe celebrities are in the news too much; Students B **strongly** believe there should be more celebrity news. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. NEWS: What story would interest you most? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most interesting at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- a teen-celebrity kiss
- a happy animal story
- news of economic collapse
- news of your fave sports team/star
- local news
- news about someone you know
- weird news
- news about Barak Obama

6. KISS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'kiss'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The only newspapers / TV channels reporting this story are American. | T / F |
| b. Selena Gomez put a pic of her and Justin Bieber on her blog. | T / F |
| c. Selena is two years older than Justin Bieber. | T / F |
| d. Selena has protective, big-sisterly feelings towards Justin Bieber. | T / F |
| e. Many Justin Bieber fans were angry at his supposed kiss with Selena. | T / F |
| f. Many people posted on Twitter and sent Selena red roses. | T / F |
| g. A lot of Selena fans posted on Justin Bieber's Twitter account. | T / F |
| h. Justin wrote on Twitter about a crazy year and fun rumours. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. speculation | a. angry |
| 2. embraced | b. hoax |
| 3. supposedly | c. started |
| 4. fake | d. horrible |
| 5. protect | e. relaxing |
| 6. sparked | f. good fortune |
| 7. nasty | g. hugged |
| 8. irate | h. rumours |
| 9. chillin' | i. allegedly |
| 10. blessings | j. shield |

3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. mass speculation in | a. to speculate about |
| 2. They were supposedly | b. a fake |
| 3. the picture is | c. and angry fans |
| 4. she's in a relationship | d. of activity |
| 5. I feel like a big | e. the world's media |
| 6. The photo sparked a flurry | f. blessings |
| 7. A lot of jealous | g. with 16-year-old Bieber |
| 8. stealing Ms Gomez | h. sister now |
| 9. gave the media very little | i. photographed |
| 10. a lot of | j. from their hearts |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

There is mass speculation in the world's media about whether teen _____ Justin Bieber and Disney starlet Selena Gomez embraced each other and kissed. A photo _____ on a Justin Bieber fan blog shows the teenage couple in an _____. They were supposedly photographed while on a private yacht off the _____ of St. Lucia in the Caribbean. However, a spokesperson for Ms Gomez says the picture is a _____. Gomez, 18, has continually _____ rumours that she's in a relationship with 16-year-old Bieber. Speculation started a year ago and Gomez was quick to tell the press: "I feel like a _____ sister now, 'cause I want to protect him." She recently said Justin was _____ one of her best friends.

fake
embrace
big
coast
heartthrob
simply
quashed
posted

The photo _____ a flurry of activity on the micro-blogging site Twitter. A lot of _____ and angry fans of Mr Bieber posted some nasty and vicious comments. One comment read: "Roses are red, violets are blue, Selena Gomez if you'll _____ Justin Bieber's heart I'm gonna kill you." Other posts from more _____ Bieber fans were a lot _____. Curiously, there were no posts on Bieber's Twitter account from _____ males protesting over his stealing Ms Gomez from their hearts. Mr Bieber gave the media very little to _____ about on his Twitter profile. He posted: "Chillin and happy. It's been a fun year with a lot of _____. Some crazy rumors but so much love and memories."

speculate
worse
possessive
jealous
blessings
sparked
break
irate

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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There _____ the world's media about whether teen heartthrob Justin Bieber and Disney starlet Selena Gomez embraced each other and kissed. A photo posted on a Justin Bieber fan blog shows the teenage _____. They were supposedly photographed _____ off the coast of St. Lucia in the Caribbean. However, a spokesperson for Ms Gomez says the picture is a fake. Gomez, 18, has _____ that she's in a relationship with 16-year-old Bieber. Speculation started a year ago and Gomez _____: "I feel like a big sister now, 'cause I want to protect him." She recently said Justin _____ friends.

The photo _____ on the micro-blogging site Twitter. A lot of _____ Mr Bieber posted some nasty and vicious comments. One comment read: "Roses are red, violets are blue, Selena Gomez if you break Justin Bieber's heart I'm gonna kill you." Other posts _____ Bieber fans were a lot worse. Curiously, there were no posts on Bieber's Twitter account from irate males protesting _____ Ms Gomez from their hearts. Mr Bieber gave the media very little to speculate about on his Twitter profile. He posted: "Chillin and happy. It's been _____ of blessings. Some crazy rumors _____ memories."

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'teenage' and 'couple'.

teenage	couple

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mass• blog• coast• 16• press• best	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• activity• nasty• red• fans• males• crazy
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JUSTIN BIEBER AND SELENA GOMEZ SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

JUSTIN AND SELENA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'kiss'?
- c) What do you think about this story?
- d) Do you think it's a worthy news story?
- e) What do you know about Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez?
- f) What do you think their parents think about this story?
- g) Do you follow any fan blogs of actors, singers, etc?
- h) Should Justin and Selena sue the owner of the blog if the photo is fake?
- i) Do you think the rumours are true or not?
- j) Why are people so interested in celebrities, however young?

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JUSTIN AND SELENA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Why do you think fans would be so jealous of someone they don't know?
- c) Should the people who posted the nasty comments be found and prosecuted?
- d) How would you feel if you read such posts about you?
- e) Why do you think no one posted nasty comments on Justin's site?
- f) Where do you think the careers of Justin and Selena will go?
- g) Have you ever been possessive over someone or something?
- h) Are Justin and Selena good role models?
- i) What will celebrity culture be like in 20 years from now?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Justin and Selena?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The photo sparked a flurry (7) ____ activity on the micro-blogging site Twitter. A lot of jealous and angry fans of Mr Bieber (8) ____ some nasty and vicious comments. One comment read: "Roses are red, violets are blue, Selena Gomez if you break Justin Bieber's heart I'm gonna kill you." Other posts from more (9) ____ Bieber fans were a lot worse. Curiously, there were no posts on Bieber's Twitter account from irate males protesting (10) ____ his stealing Ms Gomez from their hearts. Mr Bieber gave the media (11) ____ little to speculate about on his Twitter profile. He posted: "Chillin and happy. It's been a fun year with a lot of (12) _____. Some crazy rumors but so much love and memories."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) pass | (b) lass | (c) bass | (d) mass |
| 2. | (a) each | (b) one | (c) two | (d) all |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) off | (d) from |
| 4. | (a) bake | (b) fake | (c) rake | (d) wake |
| 5. | (a) push | (b) press | (c) pull | (d) iron |
| 6. | (a) simple | (b) simpler | (c) simply | (d) simplest |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) for | (d) from |
| 8. | (a) posting | (b) posts | (c) post | (d) posted |
| 9. | (a) possess | (b) possession | (c) possesses | (d) possessive |
| 10. | (a) around | (b) over | (c) under | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) very | (b) few | (c) small | (d) not |
| 12. | (a) blessed | (b) bless | (c) blessings | (d) bless you |

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WRITING

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Write about **Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez** for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

[illegible]

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CELEBRITY CULTURE: Make a poster about celebrity culture. Is it good or bad? Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. JUSTIN AND SELENA: Write a magazine article about Justin and Selena. Include imaginary interviews with them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Justin and Selena. Ask them three questions about their relationship. Give them three pieces of advice for their future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. F c. T d. T e. F f. F g. T h. F

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| 4. she's in a relationship | d. with 16-year-old Bieber |
| 5. I feel like a big | e. sister now |
| 6. The photo sparked a flurry | f. of activity |
| 7. A lot of jealous | g. and angry fans |
| 8. stealing Ms Gomez | h. from their hearts |
| 9. gave the media very little | i. to speculate about |
| 10. a lot of | j. blessings |

GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - d 2 - a 3 - c 4 - b 5 - b 6 - c 7 - a 8 - d 9 - d 10 - b 11 - a 12 - c