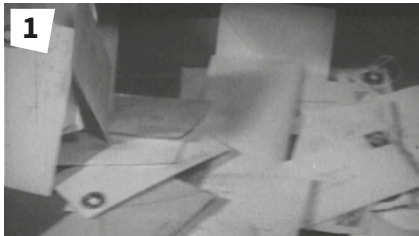


THE ORIGINS OF FANDOM ▶ 15

- 1 Work with a partner and brainstorm the different ways fans follow their favourite character or celebrity.
- 2 Look at the pictures and discuss which ones you think you will see in a video about fans.



- 3 ▶ 15 Watch the video and check your answers to Exercise 2.
- 4 ▶ 15 Read and answer the questions. Then watch the video again and check your answers.

1 What four groups of people does the video mention have had fans for decades?

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2 In the past, why did fans follow the people they admired?

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3 In the past, how did fans contact the people they admired?

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4 What gifts did fans sometimes receive?

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5 What did fans use to do to get close to the people they admired?

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6 Is it easier for fans to get close to their heroes nowadays? Why?

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7 Nowadays, how can fans contact the people they admire?

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8 If fans don't want to join an official fan club what else can they do?

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9 What are two suggestions the video makes to fans to avoid becoming obsessed?

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10 How does the video suggest fans might make new friends in the real world?

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5 Work in groups. Ask and answer the questions.

1 Are you a big fan of any actor/singer/celebrity? Why? / Why not?

2 Would you like to have a lot of fans? Why? / Why not?

3 How do you think celebrities feel about their fans? Why?

4 Do you think it's healthy to be a big fan of a celebrity or character? Why? / Why not?