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[Keywords](#)



[Falling Stars](#)

1, craze

2, sprawl

3, boast

4, catch on

5, bling

6, pragmatic

7, pose

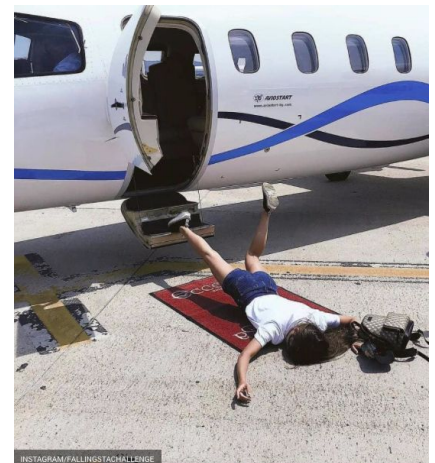
8, surrounded

9, statement

10, portraying

The Summer of this year saw a photo craze on Instagram hashtagged Falling Stars. It started in Russia with wealthy people photographing themselves sprawled face down on the floor with their most valuable possessions scattered around them. These included expensive bags, jewellery, phones, cars and even jets. It was a way to boast of their wealth and show the lifestyle they are accustomed to without identifying themselves so openly.

The craze caught on and spread East to China where people did similar things. There, it became known as the "flaunt your wealth challenge." More than just displaying wealth, people also created scenes in their workplaces and doing things they enjoyed most, such as one dentist who appeared to have fallen off the patient's chair while holding a toothbrush. While the Russians were serious about showing their bling, ...





Comprehension

- 1, Where did the fad originate?
- 2, What was its purpose?
- 3, What sort of items were shown?
- 4, What other things did people photograph?
- 5, How did the Russian and Chinese crazes differ?
- 6, What did the Chinese government want to avoid?

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...some Chinese were more pragmatic and humourous choosing to show everyday domestic things to make a statement about their lives. One woman was posed on a supermarket floor next to a shopping trolley surrounded by her favourite food items.

The Chinese government were keen to avoid a negative reaction to images portraying excess wealth instead posting images of committed public service workers with positive statements of their commitment to the State.

One street cleaner reportedly gave up his job after being asked so many times to pose in such photographs with rich people.



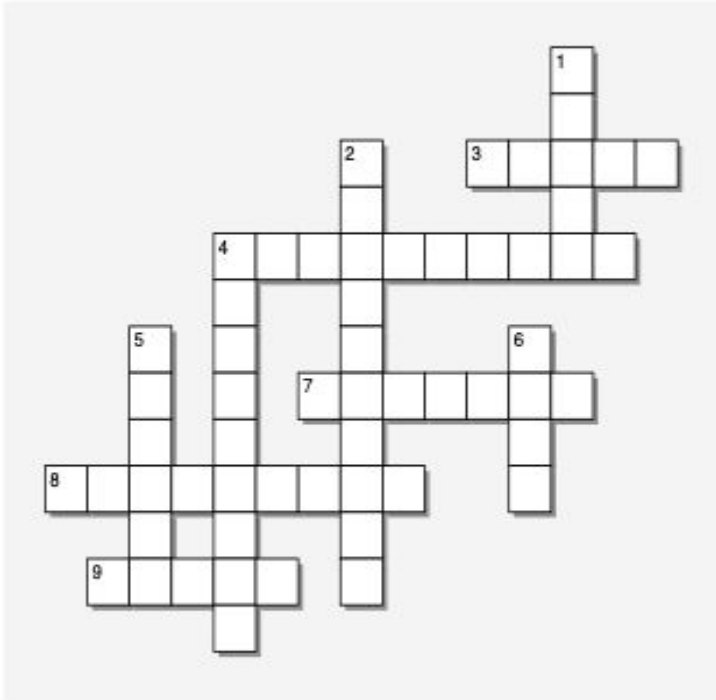
Conversation

- 1, Do you own a camera?
- 2, How often do you take photographs?
- 3, Describe the last photograph you took?
- 4, What are your favourite subjects to photograph?
- 5, What is the best picture you have ever taken?
- 6, If you took part in this craze, what would you include in your photo?





Crossword (using the Keywords on page 1)



Across

- 3. To show proudly something you have or can do.
- 4. Have things all around a central subject.
- 7. To become popular.
- 8. Apply thoughts or actions to real life.
- 9. Expensive clothing or jewellery

Down

- 1. Short lived enthusiasm for something by many people.
- 2. Giving an impression.
- 4. Words giving clear meaning about an issue.
- 5. To be spread out in untidy fashion.
- 6. To position yourself for a photograph.

Your chance to write....

Explain why you think such crazes are good or bad.

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