

Words by Theme Self-assessment

Complete the article below with the given words from Units 1–4. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

amateur (adj.)

busk (v.)

contestant (n.)

dynamic (adj.)

elevated (adj.)

monumental (adj.)

opine (v.)

overcome (v.)

plight (n.)

premises (n.)

sensation (n.)

stand out (v.)

All the world's a stage

'I'm truly grateful for all the love and support I've received as a new artist. I'm definitely not in a more (1) _____ position than other up-and-coming artists of this year. I will continue to work hard and (2) _____ obstacles in acting,' said Mike Cheng, the winner of the Best New Artist award this year.

Before Mike made his debut as an artist, he was a / an (3) _____ singer. He started out by (4) _____ in Tsim Sha Tsui. Two years ago, he participated in a talent competition called Hong Kong Idol. He showcased musical versatility throughout the competition. His (5) _____ performances always gave a / an (6) _____ to the audience and the panel of judges. In the end, he (7) _____ from over a hundred (8) _____ and won the competition. After that, he got a record deal with one of the biggest record labels.

Mike is already a popular singer today. Still, he sometimes busks on the street as he thinks his busking experiences have become the (9) _____ stepping stones to him. 'It is to remind myself not to forget about my passion for singing. Also, I would like to raise concern about the (10) _____ of street performers. Sometimes, they are blamed for the congestion on the streets. More (11) _____ should let buskers in to provide them a stage to show off their talents,' Mike (12) _____.

