

AMY WINEHOUSE

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Amy Jade Winehouse was an English singer and songwriter. She was known for her marvelous voice and controversial private life. She debuted in 2003 at the age of 20 with the album 'Frank'. It set her on the road to fame. Music lovers everywhere were excited about her talents and how her career would progress. She was one of music's hottest stars but constantly battled against drugs and alcohol.

She grew up in a family that loved jazz. Her musical talents were clear to see from a very young age. Aged ten, she formed a rap group called Sweet 'n' Sour with a childhood friend. She got her first guitar when she was 13 and she began writing music. She signed to a major record label after they heard her distinctive voice.

Winehouse's second album "Back To Black" made her an acclaimed international star. She won dozens of awards, including five at the 2008 Grammy's. Some of the biggest names in rock were waiting to collaborate with her. George Michael said: "Amy is the best female vocalist I have ever heard in my entire career, as well as one of the best writers."

Winehouse was constantly the focus of media attention. She couldn't escape the reporters who followed her every move. She has given them good reason to write about her. Her battles with drug and alcohol abuse and her self-destructive behaviour was often tabloid news. The world has lost an amazing talent who had so much more incredible music to offer. She died in July, 2011, aged 27.

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| 1. marvelous | a. unique |
| 2. debuted | b. develop |
| 3. progress | c. started |
| 4. clear | d. wonderful |
| 5. formed | e. made her first appearance |
| 6. distinctive | f. obvious |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 7. acclaimed | g. continually |
| 8. collaborate | h. whole |
| 9. entire | i. damaging |
| 10. constantly | j. admired |
| 11. destructive | k. amazing |
| 12. incredible | l. work together |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. singer and | a. see from a very young age |
| 2. the road | b. drug and alcohol abuse |
| 3. Her musical talents were clear to | c. dozens of awards |
| 4. she formed | d. to fame |
| 5. her distinctive | e. to collaborate with her |
| 6. She won | f. songwriter |
| 7. the biggest names in rock were waiting | g. was often tabloid news |
| 8. She couldn't escape the reporters | h. voice |
| 9. Her battles with | i. a rap group |
| 10. her self destructive behaviour | j. who followed her every move |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Amy Jade Winehouse was an English _____. She was known for her marvelous voice and controversial private life. _____ 2003 at the age of 20 with the album 'Frank'. It _____ to fame. Music lovers everywhere were excited about her talents _____ would. She was one of music's hottest stars but constantly battled against drugs and alcohol.

She grew up in a family _____. Her musical talents were _____ a very young age. Aged ten, she formed a rap group called Sweet 'n' Sour with a childhood friend. She got her first guitar when she was 13 and she _____. She signed to a major record label after they _____ voice.

Winehouse's second album "Back To Black" made _____ international star. She _____ awards, including five at the 2008 Grammy's. Some of the biggest names in rock were _____ with her. George Michael said: "Amy is the best female vocalist I have ever heard _____, as well as one of the best writers."

Winehouse was constantly _____ attention. She couldn't escape the reporters _____ move. She has given them good reason to write about her. She _____ and alcohol abuse and her self destructive behaviour is often tabloid news. The world has lost an _____ had so much more incredible music to offer. She died in July, 2011, aged 27.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Amy Jade Winehouse was an English singer and songwriter. She was *known / know* for her marvelous voice and controversial private *live / life*. She *debuted / debut* in 2003 at the age of 20 with the album 'Frank'. It set her on the road to fame. Music lovers everywhere were excited about her talents and how her career would *progressive / progress*. She was one of music's hottest stars but constantly battled against drugs and alcohol.

She grew up in a family that *loved / loving* jazz. Her musical talents were *clearly / clear* to see from a very young age. Aged ten, she formed a rap group called Sweet 'n' Sour with a childhood friend. She got her first guitar when she was 13 and she began *wrote / writing* music. She signed to a major record label after they *heard / listened* her distinctive voice.

Winehouse's second album "Back To Black" made her an acclaimed international star. She *beat / won* dozens of awards, including five at the 2008 Grammy's. Some of the biggest names *in / on* rock were waiting to collaborate with her. George Michael said: "Amy is the best female *vocals / vocalist* I have ever heard in my *entire / entirely* career, as well as one of the best writers."

Winehouse was constantly the focus of *media / medium* attention. She couldn't *escaped / escape* the reporters who followed her every move. She has given them good reason to *writing / write* about her. Her battles with drug and alcohol abuse and her self destructive behaviour was often tabloid news. The world has lost an amazing talent who had so much more *incredible / incredibly* music to offer. She died in July, 2011, aged 27.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. singer and wosretgrni
2. controversial vripaet life
3. Music lovers everywhere
4. one of music's ehtttso stars

Paragraph 2

5. a family that dovle jazz
6. she efodrm a rap group
7. She got her first itragu when she was 13
8. her distinctive eivoc

Paragraph 3

9. She won snozde of awards
10. naigiwt to collaborate with her
11. the best female covsailt I have ever heard
12. in my tniree career

Paragraph 4

13. constantly the usfoc of media attention
14. She couldn't caspee the reporters
15. Her ttelbas with drug and alcohol abuse
16. so much more incredible music to forer

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () writing music. She signed to a major record label after they heard her distinctive voice.
- (**1**) Amy Jade Winehouse was an English singer and songwriter. She was known for her marvelous
- () Winehouse was constantly the focus of media attention. She couldn't escape the reporters who followed her every move. She has
- () progress. She was one of music's hottest stars but constantly battled against drugs and alcohol.
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- () to fame. Music lovers everywhere were excited about her talents and how her career would

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. and English songwriter singer an

2. about excited were everywhere lovers Music talents her

3. one music's stars was of hottest She

4. She family grew that up loved in jazz a

5. a record She to major label signed

6. with her the biggest names in rock were waiting to collaborate

7. have I vocalist female best the heard ever

8. constantly attention media of focus the

9. and abuse battles drug alcohol Her with

10. talent world lost amazing The has an.

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What do you know about Amy Winehouse?
2. What do you think of Amy Winehouse's?
3. What would you like to know about Amy Winehouse and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Amy Winehouse?
2. What questions would you like answered about Amy Winehouse?
3. How would her career have gone if she hadn't died?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE AMY WINEHOUSE SURVEY:

Write five questions about Amy Winehouse in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITING:

Write about Amy Winehouse for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper.
Correct each other's work.

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 more information about Amy Winehouse. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AMY WINEHOUSE POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Amy Winehouse. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Amy Winehouse. Include an imaginary interview with her fans.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. OBITUARY: Write an obituary about Amy Winehouse.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.