

JENNIFER LOPEZ

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Jennifer Lopez, a.k.a. J.Lo, is a multi-talented and influential superstar. She is an actress, singer-songwriter, record producer, and dancer. She is also a very smart businesswoman and has used her fame to launch her own fashion line and perfumes. She has upset animal rights groups by using fur. She is the richest entertainer of Latin American ancestry in Hollywood.

Lopez was born in 1969 and raised in the Bronx district of New York. She always dreamed of fame but left it quite late before she did something about it. When she was 19, she started singing and dancing lessons. After two years, she was selected as a dancer for MTV and as a backup singer for Janet Jackson.

In the 1990s, Lopez appeared in several hit movies. Her performance in the lead role in 'Selena' in 1997 received rave reviews. Lopez has appeared in over 20 movies. She released her debut album 'On the 6' in 1999, which was a top 10 hit in the US. She has released a total of seven albums in English and Spanish.

Lopez has expanded her business interests into many areas. In 2003, she launched her JLO brand, which is highly popular with young women. She followed this with her 2005 SweetFace and 2007 JustSweet collections. Her "Glow by J.Lo" perfume broke many sales records. Lopez also owns a restaurant in Miami and a film and television production company. There's no telling in which direction J.Lo will venture next.

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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. influential | a. parentage |
| 2. smart | b. brought up |
| 3. ancestry | c. clever |
| 4. raised | d. important |
| 5. fame | e. chosen |
| 6. selected | f. stardom |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 7. appeared | g. brought out |
| 8. lead | h. hugely |
| 9. released | i. built up |
| 10. expanded | j. knowing |
| 11. highly | k. main |
| 12. telling | l. acted |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. She is also a very smart | a. rights groups by using fur |
| 2. used her fame to launch | b. interests into many areas |
| 3. She has upset animal | c. did something about it |
| 4. Lopez was born in 1969 | d. J.Lo will venture next |
| 5. Her performance | e. businesswoman |
| 6. left it quite late before she | f. in the lead role |
| 7. She has released a | g. many sales records |
| 8. Lopez has expanded her business | h. her own fashion line |
| 9. Her "Glow by J.Lo" perfume broke | i. total of seven albums |
| 10. There's no telling in which direction | j. and raised in the Bronx |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Jennifer Lopez, a.k.a. J.Lo, is a _____ influential superstar. She is an actress, singer-songwriter, record producer, and dancer. She is _____ businesswoman and has used her _____ own fashion line and perfumes. She has upset animal rights _____. She is the richest entertainer of Latin American ancestry in Hollywood.

Lopez was born in 1969 _____ district of New York. She always _____ but left it quite late before she did something about it. When she was 19, she started singing and dancing lessons. After two years, she _____ dancer for MTV and _____ for Janet Jackson.

In the 1990s, Lopez appeared _____. Her performance _____ 'Selena' in 1997 received rave reviews. Lopez has appeared in over 20 movies. She released _____ 'On the 6' in 1999, which was a top 10 hit in the US. She has released _____ albums in English and Spanish.

Lopez has expanded _____ into many areas. In 2003, she launched her JLO brand, which _____ with young women. She followed this with her 2005 SweetFace and 2007 JustSweet collections. Her "Glow by J.Lo" perfume _____ records. Lopez also owns a restaurant in Miami and a film and television production company. There's _____ direction J.Lo will venture next.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Jennifer Lopez, a.k.a. J.Lo, is a multi-talented and *influence / influential* superstar. She is an actress, singer-songwriter, record producer, and dancer. She is also a very *tidy / smart* businesswoman and has used her *fame / famous* to launch her own fashion line and perfumes. She has upset animal rights groups by using *furry / fur*. She is the richest entertainer of Latin American ancestry in Hollywood.

Lopez was born in 1969 and *risen / raised* in the Bronx district of New York. She always dreamed of fame but left it *quite / quiet* late before she did something *about / around* it. When she was 19, she started singing and dancing lessons. After two years, she *was selected / selection* as a dancer for MTV and as a backup singer for Janet Jackson.

In the 1990s, Lopez appeared in *several / severe* hit movies. Her performance in the *leader / lead* role in 'Selena' in 1997 received rave reviews. Lopez *has / was* appeared in over 20 movies. She released her debut album 'On the 6' in 1999, which was a top 10 hit in the US. She has released a total of *several / seven* albums in English and Spanish.

Lopez has expanded her business *interesting / interests* into many areas. In 2003, she launched her JLO brand, which is *highly / highest* popular with young women. She followed this with her 2005 SweetFace and 2007 JustSweet collections. Her "Glow by J.Lo" perfume *broke / broken* many sales records. Lopez also owns a restaurant in Miami and a film and television production company. There's no *told / telling* in which direction J.Lo will venture next.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. a very mstar businesswoman
2. nlhuca her own fashion line
3. She has putes animal rights groups
4. Latin American aysrtcen

Paragraph 2

5. adirse in the Bronx district of New York
6. She always deerdam of fame
7. she was tleedces as a dancer for MTV
8. a puackb singer for Janet Jackson

Paragraph 3

9. appeared in easlvre hit movies
10. rave eivsrew
11. her deubt album
12. released a atotl of seven albums

Paragraph 4

13. Lopez has expanded her ssesiubn interests
14. highly lrpaopu with young women
15. krebo many sales records
16. There's no nlgtlei in which direction J.Lo will venture next

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Lopez was born in 1969 and raised in the Bronx district of New York. She always dreamed of fame but left it quite
- () In the 1990s, Lopez appeared in several hit movies. Her performance in the lead role in 'Selena' in 1997 received
- () record producer, and dancer. She is also a very smart businesswoman and has used her fame to
- () 10 hit in the US. She has released a total of seven albums in English and Spanish.
- () late before she did something about it. When she was 19, she started singing and dancing lessons. After
- () two years, she was selected as a dancer for MTV and as a backup singer for Janet Jackson.
- () which is highly popular with young women. She followed this with her 2005 SweetFace and 2007 JustSweet
- () and influential superstar. She is an actress, singer-songwriter,
- () and television production company. There's no telling in which direction J.Lo will venture next.
- () collections. Her "Glow by J.Lo" perfume broke many sales records. Lopez also owns a restaurant in Miami and a film
- () rave reviews. Lopez has appeared in over 20 movies. She released her debut album 'On the 6' in 1999, which was a top
- () fur. She is the richest entertainer of Latin American ancestry in Hollywood.
- () Lopez has expanded her business interests into many areas. In 2003, she launched her JLO brand,
- () launch her own fashion line and perfumes. She has upset animal rights groups by using
- (**1**) Jennifer Lopez, a.k.a. J.Lo, is a multi-talented

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Lo is a multi - talented and influential superstar J

2. is She woman business smart very a also

3. rights She groups has by upset using animal fur

4. but quite always fame it She of left late dreamed

5. 19 started dancing was she and she , singing When

6. Lopez several In , in movies 1990s appeared hit the

7. total a released has She albums seven of

8. Lopez interests business her expanded has

9. Lopez owns restaurant Miami also a in

10. telling no There's direction which in

JENNIFER LOPEZ DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Jennifer Lopez?
2. Would you like to have met Jennifer Lopez?
3. What would you like to know about Jennifer Lopez and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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JENNIFER LOPEZ DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Jennifer Lopez?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Jennifer Lopez?
3. What would her answers have been to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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JENNIFER LOPEZ SURVEY:

Write five questions about Jennifer Lopez 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.

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 Jennifer Lopez. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. JENNIFER LOPEZ POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Jennifer Lopez. 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 Jennifer Lopez. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she did every day and what she thought about.

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

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Jennifer Lopez. Ask her three questions about her life. Tell her how important she is in today's world and how she is missed. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Jennifer Lopez expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 6. selected | f. chosen |

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| 4. Lopez was born in 1969 | d. and raised in the Bronx |
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.