

# CARLA BRUNI

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Carla Gilberta Bruni Tedeschi, known as Carla Bruni, was born in December 1967. She is the wife of French President Nicolas Sarkozy and France's First Lady. Bruni became famous in the 1980s as a top model and also has a career as a singer and songwriter. She has both Italian and French citizenship and is the princess-consort of the Principality of Andorra.

Bruni was born in Turin, Italy, into a wealthy and musical family. Her mother was a concert pianist and her father was an industrialist and classical composer. The family moved to France when Carla was five to escape the threat of being kidnapped by the terrorist group the Red Brigades. Carla went to boarding school in Switzerland and studied art and architecture.

Bruni signed with a modeling agency when she was 19 and immediately became an international success. She worked for many of the top French designers and fashion houses. At the height of her modeling career, she was among the world's 20 highest-paid models. She also lived a jet-set lifestyle and partied hard, dating rock stars including Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton.

Bruni quit modeling in 1997 and turned her attention to music. Her debut album was released in 2002 and was a success in French-speaking countries. Her second album hit the shelves in 2007. Bruni married Nicolas Sarkozy in February 2008. She accompanies him on state visits while continuing her career in music. Her third album went on sale in July 2008.

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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. wife        | a. nationality   |
| 2. famous      | b. get away from |
| 3. citizenship | c. well-known    |
| 4. wealthy     | d. abducted      |
| 5. escape      | e. spouse        |
| 6. kidnapped   | f. rich          |

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 7. immediately      | g. went on sale |
| 8. height           | h. stopped      |
| 9. partied          | i. instantly    |
| 10. quit            | j. joins        |
| 11. hit the shelves | k. had fun      |
| 12. accompanies     | l. peak         |

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Bruni became famous in the             | a. shelves in 2007        |
| 2. She has both Italian and French        | b. of being kidnapped     |
| 3. her father was an industrialist and    | c. French designers       |
| 4. a wealthy and                          | d. 1980s as a top model   |
| 5. escape the threat                      | e. and partied hard       |
| 6. She worked for many of the top         | f. musical family         |
| 7. She also lived a jet-set lifestyle     | g. visits                 |
| 8. Bruni quit modeling in 1997 and turned | h. classical composer     |
| 9. Her second album hit the               | i. citizenship            |
| 10. She accompanies him on state          | j. her attention to music |

**LISTENING GAP FILL:**

Carla Gilberta Bruni Tedeschi, known as Carla Bruni, was born in December 1967. \_\_\_\_\_ French President Nicolas Sarkozy and France's First Lady. Bruni became \_\_\_\_\_ as a top model and \_\_\_\_\_ as a singer and songwriter. She has both Italian and French citizenship and is the \_\_\_\_\_ the Principality of Andorra.

Bruni was born in Turin, Italy, \_\_\_\_\_ musical family. Her mother was \_\_\_\_\_ and her father was an industrialist and classical composer. The family moved to France when Carla was five to \_\_\_\_\_ of being kidnapped by the terrorist group the Red Brigades. Carla went to \_\_\_\_\_ in Switzerland and studied art and architecture.

Bruni \_\_\_\_\_ modeling agency when she was 19 and immediately became an international success. She worked for \_\_\_\_\_ French designers and fashion houses. \_\_\_\_\_ her modeling career, she was among the world's 20 highest-paid models. She also lived a jet-set lifestyle \_\_\_\_\_, dating rock stars including Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton.

Bruni quit modeling in 1997 and \_\_\_\_\_ to music. Her debut album was released in 2002 and \_\_\_\_\_ French-speaking countries. Her second album \_\_\_\_\_ 2007. Bruni married Nicolas Sarkozy in February 2008. She \_\_\_\_\_ state visits while continuing her career in music. Her third album went on sale in July 2008.

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Carla Gilberta Bruni Tedeschi, *known / knowing* as Carla Bruni, was born in December 1967. She is the wife of French President Nicolas Sarkozy and France's First Lady. Bruni became *fame / famous* in the 1980s *was / as* a top model and also has a career as a singer and songwriter. She has *both / all* Italian and French citizenship and is the princess-consort of the Principality of Andorra.

Bruni was born in Turin, Italy, into a *wealthy / wealth* and musical family. Her mother was a concert pianist and her father was *an industrial / industrialist* and classical composer. The family moved to France when Carla was five to escape the *treat / threat* of being kidnapped by the terrorist group the Red Brigades. Carla went to *boarding / boarded* school in Switzerland and studied art and architecture.

Bruni *signed / singed* with a modeling agency when she was 19 and immediately became an international success. She worked *for / by* many of the top French designers and fashion *homes / houses*. At the height of her modeling career, she was among the world's 20 highest-paid models. She also lived a jet-set lifestyle and *partied / partying* hard, dating rock stars including Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton.

Bruni *quit / quite* modeling in 1997 and turned *her / she* attention to music. Her debut album was released in 2002 and was a success in French-speaking countries. Her second album hit the *closets / shelves* in 2007. Bruni married Nicolas Sarkozy in February 2008. She accompanies him on *state / statement* visits while continuing her career in music. Her third album went on sale in July 2008.

## SPELLING:

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

### *Paragraph 1*

1. bcmDeeer 1967
2. French rdiPesnte Nicolas Sarkozy
3. a singer and tsegrnwiro
4. She has both Italian and French isznptheci

### *Paragraph 2*

5. a wtelyha and musical family
6. Her mother was a concert inspita
7. escape the threat of being nappeddik
8. itrosterr group

### *Paragraph 3*

9. Bruni esgdni with a modeling agency
10. French designers and nofashi houses
11. At the htgieh of her modeling career
12. She also lived a jet-set lifestyle and redpiat hard

### *Paragraph 4*

13. turned her toinatnet to music
14. a csusesc in French-speaking countries
15. Her second album hit the seehlsy in 2007
16. saett visits

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) success. She worked for many of the top French designers and fashion houses. At the height of her modeling
- ( ) hard, dating rock stars including Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton.
- ( ) was an industrialist and classical composer. The family moved to France when Carla was five to escape the threat of being
- ( ) kidnapped by the terrorist group the Red Brigades. Carla went to boarding school in Switzerland and studied art and architecture.
- ( ) 2002 and was a success in French-speaking countries. Her second album hit the
- ( ) shelves in 2007. Bruni married Nicolas Sarkozy in February 2008. She accompanies him on state
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- ( **1** ) Carla Gilberta Bruni Tedeschi, known as Carla Bruni, was born in December 1967. She is the wife of French
- ( ) Bruni signed with a modeling agency when she was 19 and immediately became an international
- ( ) career, she was among the world's 20 highest-paid models. She also lived a jet-set lifestyle and partied
- ( ) visits while continuing her career in music. Her third album went on sale in July 2008.
- ( ) citizenship and is the princess-consort of the Principality of Andorra.
- ( ) model and also has a career as a singer and songwriter. She has both Italian and French
- ( ) President Nicolas Sarkozy and France's First Lady. Bruni became famous in the 1980s as a top
- ( ) Bruni was born in Turin, Italy, into a wealthy and musical family. Her mother was a concert pianist and her father

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. top became the a Bruni in as model famous 1980s

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2. French She both and citizenship has Italian

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3. her composer classical and industrialist an was father

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4. of threat the escape kidnapped being

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5. boarding Switzerland art to in studied went school and Carla

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6. many designers of She the worked top for French

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7. career the of modeling At height her

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8. a jet-set lifestyle and partied hard She also lived

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9. the hit album second Her 2007 in shelves

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10. She visits state on him accompanies

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## CARLA BRUNI DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Carla Bruni?
2. Would you like to meet Carla Bruni?
3. What would you like to know about Carla Bruni and why?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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## CARLA BRUNI DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Carla Bruni?
2. What questions would you like to ask Carla Bruni?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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## CARLA BRUNI SURVEY:

Write five questions about Carla Bruni 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 Carla Bruni. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CARLA BRUNI POSTER:** Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Carla Bruni. 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 Carla Bruni. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks 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 Carla Bruni. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Carla Bruni expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

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## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.