

EVA “EVITA” PERON

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Maria Eva Duarte de Peron was born in 1919 and died in 1952. She is referred to as Eva Peron, or more famously as Evita, which means "Little Eva". She served as Argentina's First Lady between 1946 and 1952 and was the Spiritual Leader of the Nation. She is one of the lasting cultural icons of the 20th Century.

Peron spent her childhood in a province of Buenos Aires. Her father walked out on the family when she was one, leaving her mother to cope alone. Eva worked as a maid to help pay the bills. She loved drama and acting at school. The cinema fascinated her and she decided to become a famous actress.

Eva left her small village when she was 15, in search of the bright lights in the big city. She made her acting debut in 1935 and joined a touring theatre company. In 1942 she had a breakthrough when she signed a five-year contract with Radio Belgrano. Within a year she was one of the highest paid radio actresses in Argentina.

In 1944, Eva met Juan Peron and they were married a year later. In 1946, Eva became Argentina's First Lady. She used her radio fame to make powerful speeches to get Juan elected as president. She became immensely popular with the poor, who nicknamed her Evita. She died at the age of 33. Her rags-to-riches life was turned into musicals and movies, which made her famous worldwide.

243 words
Flesch Kinkaid 8.0

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. died | a. symbols |
| 2. served | b. charmed |
| 3. icons | c. passed away |
| 4. walked out on | d. get by |
| 5. cope | e. worked |
| 6. fascinated | f. left |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 7. the bright lights | g. step forward |
| 8. breakthrough | h. globally |
| 9. within | i. stardom |
| 10. fame | j. fame |
| 11. immensely | k. inside |
| 12. worldwide | l. hugely |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. She is referred to as Eva Peron, or | a. alone |
| 2. cultural icons | b. fascinated her |
| 3. ...leaving her mother to cope | c. popular with the poor |
| 4. Eva worked as a maid to help | d. in the big city |
| 5. The cinema | e. of the 20th Century |
| 6. in search of the bright lights | f. more famously as Evita |
| 7. she signed a five-year contract | g. into musicals and movies |
| 8. make powerful | h. pay the bills |
| 9. She became immensely | i. speeches |
| 10. Her rags-to-riches life was turned | j. with Radio Belgrano |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Maria Eva Duarte de Peron was born _____ 1952. She is referred to as Eva Peron, _____ Evita, which means "Little Eva". _____ Argentina's First Lady between 1946 and 1952 and was the Spiritual Leader of the Nation. She is one of the _____ of the 20th Century.

Peron spent her childhood _____ Buenos Aires. Her father _____ family when she was one, leaving her mother to cope alone. Eva worked as a maid _____. She loved drama and acting at school. The cinema _____ decided to become a famous actress.

Eva left her small village when she was 15, in search _____ in the big city. She made her acting debut in 1935 _____ theatre company. In 1942 she _____ when she signed a five-year contract with Radio Belgrano. Within a year she was one of the highest _____ Argentina.

In 1944 Eva met Juan Peron and they were _____. In 1946, Eva became Argentina's First Lady. She used her radio fame _____ to get Juan elected as president. She became _____ the poor, who nicknamed her Evita. She died at the age of 33. Her _____ was turned into musicals and movies, which made her famous worldwide.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Maria Eva Duarte de Peron was born in 1919 and *dead / died* in 1952. She is referred to as Eva Peron, or more *famous / famously* as Evita, which means "Little Eva". She *served / serviced* as Argentina's First Lady between 1946 and 1952 and was the Spiritual Leader of the Nation. She is one of the lasting cultural *irons / icons* of the 20th Century.

Peron spent her childhood in a *provincial / province* of Buenos Aires. Her father *walked / ran* out on the family when she was one, leaving her mother to *cope / coop* alone. Eva worked as a maid to help *pay / payment* the bills. She loved drama and acting at school. The cinema fascinated her and she decided to become a famous actress.

Eva left her small village when she was 15, in search *of / with* the bright lights in the big city. She made her *acting / action* debut in 1935 and joined a touring theatre company. In 1942 she had a breakthrough when she *signs / signed* a five-year contract with Radio Belgrano. *Within / Between* a year she was one of the highest paid radio actresses in Argentina.

In 1944 Eva met Juan Peron and they were *married / marriage* a year later. In 1946, Eva became Argentina's First Lady. She used her radio *famous / fame* to make powerful *speeches / speech* to get Juan elected as president. She became immensely popular with the poor, who nicknamed her Evita. She died at the age of 33. Her rags-to-riches life was turned *over / into* musicals and movies, which made her famous worldwide.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. She is erfderre to as Eva Peron
2. She devers as Argentina's First Lady
3. the Spiritual Leader of the inoatN
4. one of the lasting tlluaurc icons of the 20th Century

Paragraph 2

5. stepn her childhood in a province of Buenos Aires
6. Her father leadwk out on the family
7. help pay the lsbil
8. The cinema ctenaiasfd her

Paragraph 3

9. in search of the ghrbit lights
10. her acting tdbue
11. joined a niuotgr theatre company
12. one of the htsgieh paid radio actresses

Paragraph 4

13. they were areirmd a year later
14. make ewfroupl speeches
15. deeetcl as president
16. Her rgsa-ot-crsehi life

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () riches life was turned into musicals and movies, which made her famous worldwide.
- (**1**) Maria Eva Duarte de Peron was born in 1919 and died in 1952. She is referred to as Eva Peron, or more famously
- () Eva left her small village when she was 15, in search of the bright lights in the big
- () her radio fame to make powerful speeches to get Juan elected as president. She became immensely
- () city. She made her acting debut in 1935 and joined a touring theatre company. In 1942 she had a
- () acting at school. The cinema fascinated her and she decided to become a famous actress.
- () breakthrough when she signed a five-year contract with Radio Belgrano. Within a
- () as Evita, which means "Little Eva". She served as Argentina's First Lady between 1946 and 1952 and was the Spiritual
- () year she was one of the highest paid radio actresses in Argentina.
- () Peron spent her childhood in a province of Buenos Aires. Her father walked out on the family when she was
- () popular with the poor, who nicknamed her Evita. She died at the age of 33. Her rags-to-
- () one, leaving her mother to cope alone. Eva worked as a maid to help pay the bills. She loved drama and
- () In 1944 Eva met Juan Peron and they were married a year later. In 1946, Eva became Argentina's First Lady. She used
- () Leader of the Nation. She is one of the lasting cultural icons of the 20th Century.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Eva She referred as Peron is to

2. the of icons cultural Century 20th

3. her leaving alone cope to mother

4. help bills as to the worked maid pay Eva a

5. actress decided become famous she to a

6. big the lights the city bright in

7. in She her debut 1935 made acting

8. used make her powerful radio speeches fame She to

9. She immensely with poor became popular the

10. - to - was riches life turned into Her musicals rags

EVA PERON DISCUSSION:

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

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

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EVA PERON DISCUSSION:

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

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

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EVA PERON SURVEY:

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

3. EVA PERON POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Eva Peron. 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 Eva Peron. 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 Eva Peron. Ask her three questions about her life. Tell her how important she is in today's world. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Eva Peron expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 3. ...leaving her mother to cope | c. alone |
| 4. Eva worked as a maid to help | d. pay the bills |
| 5. The cinema | e. fascinated her |
| 6. in search of the bright lights | f. in the big city |
| 7. she signed a five-year contract | g. with Radio Belgrano |
| 8. make powerful | h. speeches |
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.