

# HIKARU UTADA

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Hikaru Utada is one of Japan's top singer-songwriters. She is also a talented music arranger and record producer. She is well-known among video game players for her songs on Square Enix's Kingdom Hearts games. In 2007, Utada was the best-selling artist in the world in terms of digital sales. She has three albums in Japan's top ten all-time list.

Utada was born in New York in 1983 into a musical family. Her father was a record producer, her mother an enka singer, and her grandmother a shamisen player. Utada had music in her blood and so carried on in her parents' footsteps. However, her first album in the States failed to be released, so she moved back to Japan.

In 1988, Utada signed a recording contract and her debut Japanese singles were huge hits. They led to the phenomenal success of her debut album 'First Love' in 1999. It is the best-selling Japanese album of all time, selling over 10 million copies to date worldwide. Utada was ranked number five on a Tokyo radio station's top 100 artists of the 20th Century.

In mid-2004, Utada moved back to New York to record an English-language album. Two songs from it, "You Make Me Want to Be a Man" and "Devil Inside" topped the US dance chart. A year later she returned to Japan and made her fourth album 'Ultra Blue'. Her next album 'Heart Station' was released in 2008 and is her fifth consecutive number one.

245 words

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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. talented   | a. continued   |
| 2. well-known | b. singer      |
| 3. artist     | c. gifted      |
| 4. carried on | d. put on sale |
| 5. released   | e. returned    |
| 6. moved back | f. famous      |

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 7. huge         | g. listed     |
| 8. phenomenal   | h. headed     |
| 9. ranked       | i. incredible |
| 10. record      | j. enormous   |
| 11. topped      | k. successive |
| 12. consecutive | l. make       |

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

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. She is well-known                       | a. into a musical family    |
| 2. the best-selling artist in the world in | b. of the 20th Century      |
| 3. Utada was born in New York in 1983      | c. parents' footsteps       |
| 4. Utada had music                         | d. among video game players |
| 5. carried on in her                       | e. of her debut album       |
| 6. her debut Japanese singles were         | f. in her blood             |
| 7. the phenomenal success                  | g. the US dance chart       |
| 8. top 100 artists                         | h. terms of digital sales   |
| 9. "Devil Inside" topped                   | i. number one               |
| 10. her fifth consecutive                  | j. huge hits                |

**LISTENING GAP FILL:**

Hikaru Utada is one of Japan's top singer-songwriters. She \_\_\_\_\_ music arranger and record producer. She is \_\_\_\_\_ video game players for her songs on Square Enix's Kingdom Hearts games. In 2007, Utada was the best-selling artist in the world \_\_\_\_\_ sales. She has three albums in Japan's \_\_\_\_\_.

Utada was born in New York in 1983 \_\_\_\_\_. Her father was a record producer, her mother an enka singer, and her grandmother a shamisen player. Utada had \_\_\_\_\_ and so carried on in her \_\_\_\_\_. However, her first album in the States \_\_\_\_\_, so she moved back to Japan.

In 1988, Utada signed a recording \_\_\_\_\_ debut Japanese singles were huge hits. They led to the phenomenal \_\_\_\_\_ album 'First Love' in 1999. It is the best-selling Japanese album of all time, selling over 10 million \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide. Utada \_\_\_\_\_ five on a Tokyo radio station's top 100 artists of the 20th Century.

In mid-2004, Utada moved back to New York to record an English-language album. \_\_\_\_\_, "You Make Me Want to Be a Man" and "Devil Inside" \_\_\_\_\_ chart. A year later she returned to Japan and \_\_\_\_\_ 'Ultra Blue'. Her next album 'Heart Station' was released in 2008 and is her \_\_\_\_\_ number one.

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:**

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

Hikaru Utada is one of Japan's top singer-songwriters. She is also a *talented / talentless* music arranger and record producer. She is well-known among video game players *for / with* her songs on Square Enix's Kingdom Hearts games. In 2007, Utada was the best-selling artist in the world in *term / terms* of digital sales. She has three albums *in / at* Japan's top ten all-time list.

Utada was born in New York in 1983 into a *musical / musician* family. Her father was a record *product / producer*, her mother an enka singer, and her grandmother a shamisen player. Utada had music in her blood and *to / so* carried on in her parents' footsteps. However, her first album in the States *failed / lost* to be released, so she moved back to Japan.

In 1988, Utada signed a recording contract and her debut Japanese singles were huge hits. They led to the phenomenal *successful / success* of her debut album 'First Love' in 1999. It is the best-selling Japanese album of all time, selling over 10 million copies *to day / date* worldwide. Utada was *ranked / ranking* number five on a Tokyo radio station's top 100 artists of the *20<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup>* Century.

In mid-2004, Utada moved back to New York *to / and* record an English-language album. Two songs *from / for* it, "You Make Me Want to Be a Man" and "Devil Inside" topped the US dance *graph / chart*. A year later she returned to Japan and made her fourth album 'Ultra Blue'. Her next album 'Heart Station' was released in 2008 and is her *fifth / five* consecutive number one.

**SPELLING:**

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

*Paragraph 1*

1. one of Japan's top singer-sreignwrsto
2. record ruopcrde
3. well-known ngmao video game players
4. in terms of iagditl sales

*Paragraph 2*

5. a umlisca family
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*Paragraph 3*

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12. akernd number five

*Paragraph 4*

13. In mid-2004, Utada evdom back to New York
14. tpdpeo the US dance chart
15. 'Heart Station' was lsdreeea in 2008
16. her fifth cvsoeicuetn number one

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) singer, and her grandmother a shamisen player. Utada had music in her blood and so carried on in her parents'
- ( ) producer. She is well-known among video game players for her songs on Square Enix's Kingdom Hearts
- ( ) In mid-2004, Utada moved back to New York to record an English-language album. Two songs from it,
- ( ) footsteps. However, her first album in the States failed to be released, so she moved back to Japan.
- ( ) Utada was born in New York in 1983 into a musical family. Her father was a record producer, her mother an enka
- ( ) games. In 2007, Utada was the best-selling artist in the world in terms of digital
- ( ) album 'Heart Station' was released in 2008 and is her fifth consecutive number one.
- ( ) phenomenal success of her debut album 'First Love' in 1999. It is the best-selling Japanese album of all
- ( ) sales. She has three albums in Japan's top ten all-time list.
- ( **1** ) Hikaru Utada is one of Japan's top singer-songwriters. She is also a talented music arranger and record
- ( ) five on a Tokyo radio station's top 100 artists of the 20th Century.
- ( ) later she returned to Japan and made her fourth album 'Ultra Blue'. Her next
- ( ) In 1988, Utada signed a recording contract and her debut Japanese singles were huge hits. They led to the
- ( ) time, selling over 10 million copies to date worldwide. Utada was ranked number
- ( ) "You Make Me Want to Be a Man" and "Devil Inside" topped the US dance chart. A year

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Japan's Utada top is singer one - of songwriters

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2. was - in Utada best artist world the selling the

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3. in born was Utada family musical a into 1983 in York New

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4. had Utada blood her in music

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5. her in on carried footsteps parents'

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6. hits debut singles huge her Japanese were

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7. album best of - all selling time Japanese the

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8. Man a Be to Want Me Make You

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9. she made returned her to fourth Japan album and

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10. one consecutive her number fifth

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**DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

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

1. What do you know about Hikaru Utada?
2. Would you like to meet Hikaru Utada?
3. What would you like to know about Hikaru Utada 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 Hikaru Utada?
2. What questions would you like to ask Hikaru Utada?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HIKARU UTADA SURVEY:

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

**3. HIKARU UTADA POSTER:** Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Hikaru Utada. 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 Hikaru Utada. 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 Hikaru Utada. 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 "Hikaru Utada expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

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## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.