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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. **big**
   - **a.** increasing
2. **styles**
   - **b.** huge
3. **growing**
   - **c.** words
4. **loved**
   - **d.** genres
5. **lyrics**
   - **e.** mix
6. **combine**
   - **f.** adored

### Paragraphs 3 and 4

7. **impressed**
   - **g.** urged
8. **learnt**
   - **h.** doing well
9. **encouraged**
   - **i.** part
10. **overnight**
    - **j.** had an impact on
11. **taking off**
    - **k.** instant
12. **role**
    - **l.** grasped

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

1. He is a **trained**
   - a. of song production
2. combines **Western**
   - b. classical musician
3. Chou has a **growing influence**
   - c. on a TV talent show
4. **recorded**
   - d. and Chinese styles
5. write the music and
   - e. success
6. Chou **appeared**
   - f. sounds and songs
7. His piano composition **impressed**
   - g. 2008 Beijing Olympics
8. **learnt** the techniques
   - h. lyrics to pop songs
9. Chou became an **overnight**
    - i. a top judge
10. **the official song for the**
    - j. on Chinese culture
LISTENING GAP FILL:

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Chou became an _____________. He releases a new album every year, ____________ millions. He has won more than 350 music awards in Asia. He also wrote the ____________ the 2008 Beijing Olympics. His acting career is also taking off. He won a Best Newcomer award for ____________ ‘Initial D’ in 2005.
CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

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Chou was born in 1979 and grown / grew up in Taiwan. He started learning the piano when he was four. He loved music and recorded sounds and sings / songs on the tape recorder he carried everywhere. He studying / studied piano and cello at high school and began to write the music and lyrics to pop songs. He found it easy to combine / combination classical with pop.

In 1998, Chou appeared on a TV talented / talent show playing the piano. His piano composition impressed a top judge, who offered him a contract to / for write pop songs. He spent the next two years in / on the studio and learnt the techniques of song production. The studio manager encouraging / encouraged him to become a singer. In 2000, he released his debut album ‘Jay’.

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

Paragraph 1
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2. a trained classical cnmsiuai
3. has a elussccfsu movie career
4. Chinese eutlruc

Paragraph 2
5. eilgnnar the piano
6. tape odrrcree
7. islcyr to pop songs
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Paragraph 3
9. a TV entlta show
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12. he rdaeles his debut album

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

1. is He musician classical trained a

2. influence growing a has Chou culture Chinese on

3. four piano He when started he learning was the

4. write and pop to music to began the lyrics songs

5. pop to He combine found classical it with easy

6. TV playing Chou a show piano on talent the appeared

7. spent in the the next studio two He years

8. studio become manager a encouraged singer him The to

9. awards He more music Asia won 350 in has than

10. Olympics Beijing 2008 the for song official the
JAY CHOU DISCUSSION:
STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Jay Chou?
2. Would you like to have met Jay Chou?
3. What would you like to know about Jay Chou and why?

4. ________________________________________________
5. ________________________________________________
6. ________________________________________________
7. ________________________________________________
8. ________________________________________________

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JAY CHOU DISCUSSION:
STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Jay Chou?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Jay Chou?
3. What would his answers have been to those questions?

4. ________________________________________________
5. ________________________________________________
6. ________________________________________________
7. ________________________________________________
8. ________________________________________________
**JAY CHOU SURVEY:**

Write five questions about Jay Chou 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.

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

3. JAY CHOU POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Jay Chou. 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 Jay Chou. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he did every day and what he 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 Jay Chou. Ask him three questions about his life. Tell him how important he is in today’s world. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Jay Chou expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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4. loved      d. adored
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Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. impressed  g. had an impact on
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10. overnight j. instant
11. taking off k. doing well
12. role      l. part

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8. learnt the techniques   h. of song production
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10. the official song for the j. 2008 Beijing Olympics

ALL OTHER EXERCISES
Look at the text on page 2.