

JUSTIN BIEBER

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Justin Bieber is a Canadian pop star and actor. He was born on the 1st of March 1994. He wanted to be a musician for as long as he could remember. When he was a child, he taught himself to play the piano, guitar, trumpet and drums. In 2007, his mother posted many videos of him singing covers of blues and soul songs. A record company executive saw one and in 2008 Bieber signed for Island Records.

Bieber's first single, "One Time", reached number 17 on America's Billboard Hot 100. His first album, "My World", was released in November 2009. It went platinum in the U.S. He went on tour to promote the album. The 3D movie of the tour nearly broke the sales record for the biggest opening weekend for a concert movie. Bieber also appeared on many prime time TV shows in the U.S.

Bieber has become an international star in a very short period of time. In 2010 he won the Artist of the Year award at the American Music Awards. He was also nominated for Best New Artist at the Grammy's. Bieber appeared in several TV roles, including in the hit TV series CSI. He has also sung on records for charity to help victims of the Haiti and Japan earthquakes.

Justin Bieber is a modern-day star. He is highly popular on Internet sites. He has over six million followers on Twitter, which he uses to chat with his fans. Romantically, Bieber has been linked to reality TV star Kim Kardashian and Selena Gomez, although Bieber says this was just gossip. He is also often the target of criticism and pranks on the Internet.

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. musician | a. copies |
| 2. posted | b. got to |
| 3. covers | c. smashed |
| 4. reached | d. uploaded |
| 5. released | e. singer |
| 6. broke | f. made available |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 7. nominated | g. jokes |
| 8. appeared | h. put forward |
| 9. help | i. very |
| 10. highly | j. acted |
| 11. followers | k. assist |
| 12. pranks | l. fans |

PHRASE MATCH Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. for as long as | a. just gossip |
| 2. he taught himself to | b. the album |
| 3. A record company | c. TV roles |
| 4. He went on tour to promote | d. prime time TV shows |
| 5. Bieber also appeared on many | e. he could remember |
| 6. in a very short | f. criticism |
| 7. appeared in several | g. executive |
| 8. He has also sung on | h. play the piano |
| 9. Bieber says this was | i. period of time |
| 10. the target of | j. records for charity |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Justin Bieber is a Canadian pop star and actor. He was born on the 1st of March 1994. He wanted to be a musician _____ could remember. When he was a child, he _____ play the piano, guitar, trumpet and drums. In 2007, his mother posted many videos of _____ of blues and soul songs. A record _____ saw one and in 2008 Bieber signed for Island Records.

Bieber's first single, "One Time", _____ 17 on America's Billboard Hot 100. His first album, "My World", was released in November 2009. It _____ the U.S. He went on tour to promote the album. The 3D movie of the tour nearly _____ record for the biggest opening weekend for a concert movie. Bieber also appeared on _____ TV shows in the U.S.

Bieber has become an international star in a _____ of time. In 2010 he won the Artist of the Year award at the American Music Awards. He was _____ Best New Artist at the Grammy's. Bieber _____ TV roles, including in the hit TV series CSI. He has also sung on records _____ victims of the Haiti and Japan earthquakes.

Justin Bieber is a modern-day star. He is _____ Internet sites. He has over six million followers on Twitter, which he _____ his fans. Romantically, Bieber _____ reality TV star Kim Kardashian and Selena Gomez, although Bieber says this was just gossip. He is also often the _____ and pranks on the Internet.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Justin Bieber is a Canadian pop star and actor. He was *birth / born* on the 1st of March 1994. He wanted to be a musician for as *long / length* as he could remember. When he was a *children / child*, he taught himself to play the piano, guitar, trumpet and drums. In 2007, his mother *pasted / posted* many videos of him singing *covers / cover* of blues and soul songs. A record company executive saw one and in 2008 Bieber *signed / singed* for Island Records.

Bieber's first single, "One Time", *reaching / reached* number 17 on America's Billboard Hot 100. His first album, "My World", *was / did* released in November 2009. It *went / came* platinum in the U.S. He went on tour to *promotion / promote* the album. The 3D movie of the tour nearly *break / broke* the sales record for the biggest opening weekend for a concert movie. Bieber also appeared on many prime *time / timing* TV shows in the U.S.

Bieber has become an international star in a very short *periods / period* of time. In 2010 he *beat / won* the Artist of the Year award at the American Music Awards. He was also *nomination / nominated* for Best New Artist at the Grammy's. Bieber appeared in *numeral / several* TV roles, including in the *punch / hit* TV series CSI. He has also sung on records for charity to help *victims / victim* of the Haiti and Japan earthquakes.

Justin Bieber is a modern-day *star / moon*. He is *height / highly* popular on Internet sites. He has over six million followers on Twitter, which he *uses / use* to chat with his fans. Romantically, Bieber has been *linked / connects* to reality TV star Kim Kardashian and Selena Gomez, *although / so* Bieber says this was just gossip. He is also often the *target / aim* of criticism and pranks on the Internet.

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. be a siicnmua
2. he tgutah himself
3. his mother sopted many videos
4. Bieber nesdig for Island Records

Paragraph 2

5. Bieber's first nsegli
6. His first bulma
7. the biggest pgneoni weekend
8. mierp time TV shows

Paragraph 3

9. a very short epodir of time
10. aelesvr TV roles
11. the hit TV iseres
12. vciimst of the Haiti and Japan earthquakes

Paragraph 4

13. highly olruapp on Internet sites
14. aeyrtil TV
15. this was just igspsq
16. the rgeatt of criticism

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () movie of the tour nearly broke the sales record for the biggest opening weekend
- () Bieber's first single, "One Time", reached number 17 on America's Billboard Hot 100. His first album, "My World", was
- () the Artist of the Year award at the American Music Awards. He was also nominated
- () Justin Bieber is a modern-day star. He is highly popular on Internet sites. He has over
- () for a concert movie. Bieber also appeared on many prime time TV shows in the U.S.
- () gossip. He is also often the target of criticism and pranks on the Internet.
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- () in several TV roles, including in the hit TV series CSI. He has also sung on records for charity to help victims of the Haiti and Japan earthquakes.
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- () six million followers on Twitter, which he uses to chat with his fans. Romantically, Bieber has been linked to reality TV
- () for Best New Artist at the Grammy's. Bieber appeared
- () star Kim Kardashian and Selena Gomez, although Bieber says this was just
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- () many videos of him singing covers of blues and soul songs. A record company executive saw one and in 2008 Bieber signed for Island Records.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. long as For remember could he as.

2. him posted singing many videos His of mother.

3. to He promote went the on album tour.

4. movie weekend for The a biggest concert opening.

5. time TV shows in the US Appeared on many prime.

6. time of period short very a In.

7. records has for also charity sung on He.

8. Internet on popular highly is He sites.

9. gossip Bieber this just says was.

10. often the He target is of also criticism.

DISCUSSION (Write your questions)

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

1. What do you know about Justin Bieber?
2. Would you like to meet Justin Bieber?
3. What would you like to know about Justin Bieber 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 Justin Bieber?
2. What questions would you like to ask Justin Bieber?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE JUSTIN BIEBER SURVEY

Write five questions about Justin Bieber 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 other search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Justin Bieber. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. JUSTIN BIEBER POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Justin Bieber. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article Justin Bieber. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he 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 Justin Bieber. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Justin Bieber expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

Paragraphs 1 and 2

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES:

Look at the text on page 2.