

MADONNA

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Madonna is one of the most successful singers ever. She exploded onto the music scene in 1983 and has rarely been out of the headlines since. She looks like she'll continue to wow the world with her songs and performances. This is good news for her millions of fans.

Madonna is in fact her real name. She was born in the US state of Michigan in 1958 and moved to New York City as a teenager to seek her fame and fortune. She began her career in entertainment singing with various New York groups. This opened doors for her to follow her solo career.

She never looked back following the spectacular success of her debut album. Hundreds of songs have followed. Her hit singles include rock and dance classics and timeless love songs. She is also famous for her sexy dance routines in her music videos.

Madonna has had a sparkling and varied career. She has acted in hit Hollywood movies and won a Golden Globe award for her role in *Evita*. She has also appeared on stage in London's West End and published a children's book.

Madonna has been married twice. First to actor Sean Penn and then to British film director Guy Ritchie. She had a child in 1996 with her former partner Carlos Leon. In October 2006 she adopted a baby boy from Malawi. Madonna and Guy were divorced in 2008. She continues to regularly produce hit records.

241 words

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 to 3

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1. exploded | a. amaze |
| 2. rarely | b. search for |
| 3. wow | c. burst |
| 4. seek | d. different |
| 5. fortune | e. hardly ever |
| 6. various | f. riches |

Paragraphs 4 and 5

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 7. looked back | g. acted |
| 8. spectacular | h. movie |
| 9. award | i. sensational |
| 10. appeared | j. had regrets |
| 11. film | k. took as her child |
| 12. adopted | l. prize |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. She exploded | a. partner |
| 2. she'll continue to wow | b. fact her real name |
| 3. Madonna is in | c. for her sexy dance routines |
| 4. to seek her fame | d. onto the music scene |
| 5. She never looked | e. and varied career |
| 6. She is also famous | f. a baby boy from Malawi |
| 7. Madonna has had a sparkling | g. the world with her songs |
| 8. She has also appeared | h. back |
| 9. with her former | i. and fortune |
| 10. In October 2006 she adopted | j. on stage |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Madonna _____ successful singers ever. She exploded onto the music scene in 1983 and has _____ the headlines since. She looks like she'll continue to wow the world with her songs and performances. This is _____ millions of fans.

Madonna _____ name. She was born in the US state of Michigan in 1958 and moved to New York City _____ seek her fame and fortune. She began her career in entertainment singing with various New York groups. This _____ her to follow her solo career.

She _____ following the spectacular success of her debut album. Hundreds of songs have followed. Her hit singles include rock and dance classics _____ songs. She is also famous for her sexy dance _____ music videos.

Madonna _____ and varied career. She has acted in hit Hollywood movies and won a Golden Globe award _____ Evita. She _____ stage in London's West End and published a children's book.

Madonna has _____. First to actor Sean Penn and then to British film director Guy Ritchie. She had a child in 1996 with _____ Carlos Leon. In October 2006 she adopted a baby boy from Malawi. Madonna and Guy were divorced in 2008. She continues to _____ records.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Madonna is one of the most successful singers *never / ever*. She *exploded / explosion* onto the music scene in 1983 and has rarely been out of the headlines since. She looks like she'll continue to *wow / wowed* the world with her songs and performances. This is good news for her millions of fans.

Madonna is in *real / fact* her real name. She was born in the US state of Michigan in 1958 and moved to New York City *as / was* a teenager to seek her fame and fortune. She began her career in entertainment singing with various New York groups. This opened doors for her to *following / follow* her solo career.

She never looked back *following / follow* the spectacular success of her debut album. Hundreds of songs have followed. Her hit singles include rock and dance *classics / classical* and timeless love songs. She is also famous for her sexy dance *habits / routines* in her music videos.

Madonna has had a sparkling and *various / varied* career. She has acted in hit Hollywood movies and won a Golden Globe award for her *role / roll* in Evita. She has also appeared on stage in London's West End and *publishing / published* a children's book.

Madonna has been *married / marriage* twice. First to actor Sean Penn and then to British film director Guy Ritchie. She had a child in 1996 with her *former / firmer* partner Carlos Leon. In October 2006 she adopted a baby boy from Malawi. Madonna and Guy were divorced in 2008. She continues to *regulate / regularly* produce hit records.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. one of the most cuufslscse singers ever
2. rarely been out of the nlhedsaei
3. good news for her omnlsiil of fans

Paragraph 2

4. moved to New York City as a tnreeage
5. She began her rereac in entertainment
6. This eepnod doors for

Paragraph 3

7. spectacular ecscuss
8. dance sisclasc
9. dance stoeinru

Paragraph 4

10. Madonna has had a sparkling and dieavr career
11. won a Golden Globe radaw for her role in Evita
12. pldbsheiu a children's book

Paragraph 5

13. Madonna has been married tciwe
14. with her moerfr partner
15. In October 2006 she eatodpd a baby boy

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and performances. This is good news for her millions of fans.
- () Madonna has had a sparkling and varied career. She has acted in hit Hollywood movies and
- () She never looked back following the spectacular success of her debut album. Hundreds of songs have
- () to actor Sean Penn and then to British film director Guy Ritchie. She had a
- () dance routines in her music videos.
- () of the headlines since. She looks like she'll continue to wow the world with her songs
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- () child in 1996 with her former partner Carlos Leon. In October 2006 she adopted a baby boy from
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- () Madonna has been married twice. First
- () Malawi. Madonna and Guy were divorced in 2008. She continues to regularly produce hit records.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. successful ever of most singers one the

2. she'll world continue She to looks wow like the

3. Madonna in her name is fact real

4. fortune fame seek and her

5. debut the success her album spectacular of

6. her for famous routines dance sexy

7. sparkling a had has Madonna career varied and

8. stage on appeared also has She

9. a partner 1996 had child with her former She in

10. adopted baby from she a boy Malawi

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What do you know about Madonna?
2. Would you like to meet Madonna?
3. What would you like to know about Madonna and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

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

THE MADONNA SURVEY:

Write five questions about Madonna 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.

WRITING:

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

3. MADONNA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Madonna. 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 Madonna. 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 Madonna. 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 "Madonna expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.