

MICHAEL JACKSON

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Michael Joseph Jackson (born 1958) is truly a music legend. He became a superstar at the age of eleven as a member of his family band The Jackson 5. His solo career earned him the title "King of Pop". His studio albums have all become classics. Jackson is equally famous for his high energy and complicated dance techniques such as the Moonwalk. He died in 2009 at the age of 50.

Jackson dominated the music charts throughout the 1970s, 80s and 90s. His distinctive vocal style, rhythm and fashion were perfect for the new music video age. MTV enthusiastically played his videos to the world. His 'Thriller' video had all the excitement of a major movie release. Jackson became a true icon of pop culture and influenced dozens of today's top stars.

Jackson's personal life created significant controversy and earned him a nickname he hated, 'Wacko Jacko'. He angered many by having plastic surgery and lightening his skin to look white. His reputation was badly damaged in several high-profile child sexual abuse cases in 2003 and 2005. The courts cleared him on both occasions.

His awards and records are proof of the phenomenal success he achieved. He won World Music Award's Best-Selling Pop Male Artist of the Millennium, and was the American Music Award's Artist of the Century. 'Thriller' remains the best selling album of all time. 'Vanity Fair' magazine named him the "Most popular artist in the history of show business".

247 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 and 2

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. truly | a. difficult |
| 2. earned | b. symbol |
| 3. complicated | c. ruled |
| 4. dominated | d. passionately |
| 5. enthusiastically | e. beyond doubt |
| 6. icon | f. got |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 7. significant | g. times |
| 8. reputation | h. major |
| 9. occasions | i. evidence |
| 10. proof | j. extraordinary |
| 11. phenomenal | k. continues as |
| 12. remains | l. image |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. truly a | a. dance techniques |
| 2. earned him the title | b. vocal style |
| 3. complicated | c. success he achieved |
| 4. His distinctive | d. music legend |
| 5. influenced dozens | e. selling album of all time |
| 6. earned him a | f. show business |
| 7. His reputation was | g. "King of Pop" |
| 8. proof of the phenomenal | h. badly damaged |
| 9. remains the best | i. of today's top stars |
| 10. in the history of | j. nickname he hated |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Michael Joseph Jackson (born 1958) _____ legend. He became a superstar at the age of eleven as a member of his family band The Jackson 5. His _____ him the title "King of Pop". His studio albums have all become classics. Jackson _____ for his high energy and complicated dance _____ the Moonwalk. He died in 2009 at the age of 50.

Jackson dominated the music charts _____, 80s and 90s. His distinctive vocal style, rhythm and fashion _____ new music video age. MTV enthusiastically played his videos to the world. His 'Thriller' video had all the excitement of a major movie release. Jackson became _____ culture and influenced dozens of today's top stars.

Jackson's personal _____ significant controversy and earned him a nickname he hated, 'Wacko Jacko'. He angered many by having plastic surgery and lightening his _____. His reputation _____ several high-profile child sexual abuse cases in 2003 and 2005. The courts _____ occasions.

His awards and records are proof of the _____ he achieved. He won World Music Award's Best-Selling Pop Male Artist of the Millennium, and was the American Music Award's Artist of the Century. 'Thriller' _____ selling album of all time. 'Vanity Fair' magazine named him the "Most popular artist _____ business".

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Michael Joseph Jackson (born 1958) is *truly / true* a music legend. He became a superstar at the *age / ages* of eleven as a member of his family band The Jackson 5. His solo career earned him the title "King of Pop". His studio albums have all *become / became* classics. Jackson is equally famous for his high energy and *complication / complicated* dance techniques such as the Moonwalk. He died in 2009 at the age of 50.

Jackson dominated the music charts throughout the 1970s, 80s and 90s. His distinctive vocal *stylish / style*, rhythm and fashion were perfect for the new music video age. MTV enthusiastically *playing / played* his videos to the world. His 'Thriller' video had *every / all* the excitement of a major movie release. Jackson became a *truly / true* icon of pop culture and influenced dozens of today's top stars.

Jackson's personal life *creation / created* significant controversy and earned him a nickname he hated, 'Wacko Jacko'. He *angry / angered* many by having plastic surgery and *lightening / lightning* his skin to look white. His reputation was *badly / bad* damaged in several high-profile child sexual abuse cases in 2003 and 2005. The courts cleared him on both occasions.

His awards and records are *prove / proof* of the phenomenal success he *achievement / achieved*. He won World Music Award's Best-Selling Pop Male Artist of the Millennium, and was the American Music Award's Artist of the Century. 'Thriller' remains the *best / most* selling album of all time. 'Vanity Fair' magazine named him the "Most popular artist in the history *of / for* show business".

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. truly a music ngedel
2. a rmmeeb of his family
3. His studio albums have all become scssicla
4. complicated dance esniqecuth

Paragraph 2

5. thurugooth the 1970s, 80s and 90s
6. ecteprf for the new music video age
7. all the excitement of a oamrj movie release
8. a true icon of pop teurclu

Paragraph 3

9. earned him a amcinnke he hated
10. silpcat surgery
11. His reputation was badly aedamgd
12. The courts areledc him on both occasions

Paragraph 4

13. proof of the phenomenal ecscsus he achieved
14. Artist of the Crnuety
15. 'Thriller' senairm the best selling album of all time
16. show essbnsui

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the Century. 'Thriller' remains the best selling album of all time. 'Vanity Fair' magazine named
- () Jackson dominated the music charts throughout the 1970s, 80s and 90s. His distinctive vocal
- (**1**) Michael Joseph Jackson (born 1958) is truly a music legend. He became a superstar at the age of eleven as a
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- () of pop culture and influenced dozens of today's top stars
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- () World Music Award's Best-Selling Pop Male Artist of the Millennium, and was the American Music Award's Artist of
- () him the "Most popular artist in the history of show business".

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. at He the became age a of superstar eleven

2. classics studio have become His albums all

3. the dominated Jackson 1970s the throughout charts music

4. MTV world the to videos his played enthusiastically

5. became Jackson culture pop of icon true a

6. having by many angered He surgery plastic

7. reputation damaged was His badly

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MICHAEL JACKSON DISCUSSION:

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

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

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MICHAEL JACKSON DISCUSSION:

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

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

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MICHAEL JACKSON SURVEY:

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

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

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.