

SHAKIRA

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Shakira is a Colombian singer-songwriter, musician, record producer and dancer. She is one of Latin America's top stars and is very popular internationally. She is the highest-selling Colombian artist of all time. She has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide, and has won numerous awards. She is also the only South American singer to have a number one record in the USA.

Shakira was born in 1977 in Colombia. Her mother is of Spanish and Italian ancestry, and her father is of Lebanese descent. She speaks fluent Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian, and a little Arabic. Shakira was an outstanding student at school. Reports are she has an IQ of 140. She grew up writing poems on a typewriter she got as a Christmas gift.

Shakira wanted to perform from the age of four. She danced at school every Friday and her classmates nicknamed her "belly dancer girl". She said: "That's how I discovered my passion for live performance." Aged 13, she signed a three-album contract with Sony Music. The first two flopped; but the third, 'Pies Descalzos' sold over five million copies and made her a star.

Shakira crossed over into singing in English. Her 2001 album 'Laundry Service' sold 13 million copies and established her as an international phenomenon. Gabriel García Marquez asked her to write the songs for the movie 'Love in the Time of Cholera'. Shakira has written the lyrics to every song she has recorded, bar two. She describes herself as a perfectionist.

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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. top | a. a number of |
| 2. artist | b. excellent |
| 3. numerous | c. ancestry |
| 4. ancestry | d. leading |
| 5. descent | e. singer |
| 6. outstanding | f. parentage |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 7. perform | g. bombed |
| 8. passion | h. sensation |
| 9. flopped | i. be on stage |
| 10. established | j. except |
| 11. phenomenon | k. enthusiasm |
| 12. bar | l. confirmed |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. She is one of Latin America's | a. of Lebanese descent |
| 2. the highest-selling Colombian | b. to every song she has recorded |
| 3. Her mother is of | c. my passion for live performance |
| 4. her father is | d. top stars |
| 5. Reports are she has an IQ | e. into singing in English |
| 6. her classmates nicknamed | f. of 140 |
| 7. That's how I discovered | g. Spanish and Italian ancestry |
| 8. Shakira crossed over | h. herself as a perfectionist |
| 9. Shakira has written the lyrics | i. artist of all time |
| 10. She describes | j. her "belly dancer girl" |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Shakira is a Colombian _____, musician, record producer and dancer. She is one of Latin America's top _____ popular internationally. She is the highest-selling Colombian artist of all time. She has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide, and has won _____. She is also the only South American singer to _____ one record in the USA.

Shakira was born in 1977 in Colombia. Her mother is of Spanish and _____, and her father is of _____. She speaks fluent Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian, and a little Arabic. Shakira was _____ student at school. _____ has an IQ of 140. She grew up writing poems on a typewriter she got as a Christmas gift.

Shakira wanted to perform _____ four. She danced at school every Friday and her classmates _____ "belly dancer girl". She said: "That's how I discovered my _____ performance." Aged 13, she signed a three-album contract with Sony Music. The _____; but the third, 'Pies Descalzos' sold over five million copies and made her a star.

Shakira _____ singing in English. Her 2001 album 'Laundry Service' sold 13 million copies and _____ as an international phenomenon. Gabriel García Marquez asked her to write the songs for the movie 'Love in the Time of Cholera'. Shakira has _____ to every song she has _____. She describes herself as a perfectionist.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Shakira is a Colombian singer-songwriter, *musical / musician*, record producer and dancer. She is one of Latin America's top stars and is very popular *international / internationally*. She is the highest-selling Colombian artist of *all / every* time. She has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide, and has won numerous awards. She is also the only South American *singer / song* to have a number one record in the USA.

Shakira was born in 1977 in Colombia. Her mother is *by / of* Spanish and Italian ancestry, and her father is *of / for* Lebanese descent. She speaks fluent Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian, and a *few / little* Arabic. Shakira was an outstanding student at school. Reports are she has an *IQ / QI* of 140. She grew up writing poems on a typewriter she got as a Christmas gift.

Shakira wanted to *performer / perform* from the age of four. She danced at school *on / every* Friday and her classmates nicknamed her "belly dancer girl". She said: "That's how I discovered my *passionate / passion* for live performance." Aged 13, she signed a three-album contract with Sony Music. The first two *flapped / flopped*; but the third, 'Pies Descalzos' sold over five million copies and made her a star.

Shakira crossed *under / over* into singing in English. Her 2001 album 'Laundry Service' *sold / selling* 13 million copies and established her as an international phenomenon. Gabriel García Marquez asked her to write the songs for the movie 'Love in the Time of Cholera'. Shakira has written the *lyrics / lyrical* to every song she has recorded, bar two. She describes herself as a *perfect / perfectionist*.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. singer-wegstonrri
2. very puoplr internationally
3. She has sold more than 50 million albums wdierwdol
4. won nsouuerm awards

Paragraph 2

5. Her mother is of Spanish and Italian scareytn
6. her father is of Lebanese dnsecte
7. tsoRrpe are she has an IQ of 140
8. She grew up writing sopem on a typewriter

Paragraph 3

9. Shakira wanted to rmroefp from the age of four
10. her classmates ceamnidnk her "belly dancer girl"
11. I discovered my osaipns for live performance
12. Aged 13, she signed a three-album ttconcar with Sony Music

Paragraph 4

13. Shakira dcrsose over into singing in English
14. 'Laundry Service' sold 13 million cseipo
15. written the rclsyi
16. She describes esflreh as a perfectionist

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Shakira was born in 1977 in Colombia. Her mother is of Spanish and Italian ancestry, and her father is of Lebanese
- () South American singer to have a number one record in the USA.
- () nicknamed her "belly dancer girl". She said: "That's how I discovered my passion for live
- () write the songs for the movie 'Love in the Time of Cholera'. Shakira has written the lyrics to every
- () than 50 million albums worldwide, and has won numerous awards. She is also the only
- () top stars and is very popular internationally. She is the highest-selling Colombian artist of all time. She has sold more
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- () descent. She speaks fluent Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian, and a little Arabic. Shakira was an outstanding
- () student at school. Reports are she has an IQ of 140. She grew up writing poems on a typewriter she got as a Christmas gift.
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- () Shakira crossed over into singing in English. Her 2001 album 'Laundry Service' sold 13 million
- () Shakira wanted to perform from the age of four. She danced at school every Friday and her classmates
- () flopped; but the third, 'Pies Descalzos' sold over five million copies and made her a star.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. She stars top America's Latin of one is

2. highest - selling Colombian artist of all time She is the

3. and Spanish of is mother Her ancestry Italian

4. an has she are Reports 140 of IQ

5. writing up grew She typewriter a on poems

6. wanted age to of perform four from Shakira the

7. my That's passion how for I live discovered performance

8. Shakira over singing English crossed into in

9. to every song she has recorded Shakira has written the lyrics

10. describes She perfectionist a as herself

SHAKIRA DISCUSSION:

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

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

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SHAKIRA DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Shakira?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Shakira?
3. What would her answers have been to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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SHAKIRA SURVEY:

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

3. SHAKIRA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Shakira. 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 Shakira. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she did every day and what she 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 Shakira. Ask her three questions about her life. Tell her how important she is in today's world and how she is missed. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Shakira expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.