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Level 3

Rock superstar Prince dies at 57

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

The rock superstar Prince has died at the age of 57. He passed away on Thursday at his home in Minneapolis. His death comes a week after his plane made an emergency landing to take the singer to hospital. Reports were that he had dehydration and the flu. His death has shocked the entertainment world. Many celebrities have been sharing their thoughts about him on social media. Madonna wrote: "He changed the world. A true visionary. What a loss. I'm devastated." President Barack Obama called him, "one of the most gifted and prolific musicians of our time". He added that: "Prince did it all. Funk, R&B, rock and roll. He was a virtuoso instrumentalist, a brilliant bandleader, and an electrifying performer."

Prince was the son of a jazz pianist. His real name was Prince Rogers Nelson. His father said: "I named my son Prince because I wanted him to do everything I wanted to do." He burst onto the music scene in the late seventies. His singing, songwriting, guitar playing, on-stage performances and producing changed the music world over the next four decades. The Washington Post called him, "one of the most popular, inventive and influential recording artists of his generation". The music icon sold over 100 million records. He is perhaps best known for his 1984 album 'Purple Rain'. The music magazine 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince at number 27 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

Sources: <http://www.rollingstone.com/music/news/prince-dead-at-57-20160421>
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/arts-and-entertainment/wp/2016/04/21/authorities-investigating-death-at-princes-paisley-park/>
<http://www.nbcnews.com/pop-culture/music/prince-iconic-purple-rain-musician-dead-57-publicist-n559946>

WARM-UPS

1. PRINCE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Prince. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

superstar / emergency / entertainment / social media / visionary / musicians / R&B / jazz / pianist / music scene / the late seventies / guitar / recording / music icon / list

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ART: Who are the best artists in these genres? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The best?	Why?
Music		
Movies		
Literature		
Painting		
Poetry		
Dance		

4. MUSIC: Students A **strongly** believe music is the most important art; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. GENRES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best music genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- funk
- R&B
- rock 'n' roll
- heavy metal
- jazz
- hip hop
- electro
- country

6. SINGER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "singer". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The singer Prince died at his home on Thursday. | T / F |
| b. Prince was taken to hospital last week with a suspected heart attack. | T / F |
| c. The former soccer player Maradona called Prince a "true visionary". | T / F |
| d. Barack Obama said Prince was a brilliant bandleader. | T / F |
| e. 'Prince' was not the singer's real name. | T / F |
| f. Prince first became known in the music world at the end of the 1970s. | T / F |
| g. Prince sold over 200 million records. | T / F |
| h. 'Rolling Stone' put Prince at 27 on its all-time greatest artists list. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. passed away | a. passing |
| 2. death | b. talented |
| 3. shocked | c. exploded |
| 4. gifted | d. most famous |
| 5. performer | e. died |
| 6. named | f. idol |
| 7. burst | g. stunned |
| 8. inventive | h. called |
| 9. icon | i. artist |
| 10. best known | j. creative |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. He passed | a. entertainment world |
| 2. his plane made an emergency | b. seventies |
| 3. His death has shocked the | c. performer |
| 4. one of the most gifted and | d. music scene |
| 5. an electrifying | e. landing |
| 6. Prince was the son of a jazz | f. away on Thursday |
| 7. He burst onto the | g. four decades |
| 8. in the late | h. prolific musicians |
| 9. over the next | i. number 27 on its list |
| 10. 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince at | j. pianist |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

The rock superstar Prince has died at the (1) _____ of 57. He passed away on Thursday at his home in Minneapolis. His (2) _____ comes a week after his plane made an emergency (3) _____ to take the singer to hospital. Reports were that he had dehydration and the flu. His death has (4) _____ the entertainment world. Many celebrities have been sharing their thoughts about him on social (5) _____. Madonna wrote: "He changed the world. A true visionary. What a (6) _____. I'm devastated." President Barack Obama called him, "one of the most gifted and (7) _____ musicians of our time". He added that: "Prince did it all. Funk, R&B, rock and roll. He was a virtuoso instrumentalist, a (8) _____ bandleader, and an electrifying performer."

shocked
death
landing
loss
media
brilliant
age
prolific

Prince was the son of a jazz (9) _____. His real name was Prince Rogers Nelson. His father said: "I (10) _____ my son Prince because I wanted him to do everything I wanted to do." He burst onto the music (11) _____ in the late seventies. His singing, songwriting, guitar playing, on-stage performances and producing changed the music world over the next four (12) _____. The Washington Post called him, "one of the most popular, inventive and influential recording (13) _____ of his generation". The music (14) _____ sold over 100 million records. He is perhaps best known for his 1984 (15) _____ 'Purple Rain'. The music magazine 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince at number 27 on its (16) _____ of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

scene
icon
decades
album
pianist
list
named
artists

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The rock superstar Prince has died at _____
 - a. the aged of 57
 - b. the age of 57
 - c. the ages of 57
 - d. the aging of 57
- 2) His death comes a week after his plane made _____
 - a. an emergent sea landing
 - b. an emergency launching
 - c. an emergency landing
 - d. an emergency land in
- 3) Reports were that he had dehydration _____
 - a. and the flu
 - b. and a flu
 - c. and the flew
 - d. and a flew
- 4) Madonna wrote: "He changed the world. A true visionary. _____."
 - a. What a loss
 - b. What a lost
 - c. What a lose
 - d. What a less
- 5) He was a virtuoso instrumentalist, a brilliant bandleader, and an _____.
 - a. electrify in performer
 - b. electrifying perform a
 - c. electrifying performer
 - d. electrifying performers
- 6) I named my son Prince because I wanted him to do everything _____
 - a. I wanted to do
 - b. I wanted too do
 - c. I wanted two do
 - d. I wanted to doing
- 7) He burst onto the music scene in _____
 - a. the late seventy is
 - b. the later seventies
 - c. the later seventies is
 - d. the late seventies
- 8) on-stage performances and producing changed the music world over the _____
 - a. next for decades
 - b. next four decades
 - c. next four decade
 - d. next for decade
- 9) one of the most popular, inventive and influential recording artists _____
 - a. of his generations
 - b. of this generation
 - c. off his generation
 - d. of his generation
- 10) ranked Prince at number 27 on its list of the 100 Greatest _____
 - a. Artists off All Times
 - b. Artists of Our Time
 - c. Artists of All Times
 - d. Artists of All Time

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Prince (7) _____ a jazz pianist. His real name was Prince Rogers Nelson. His father said: "I named my son Prince because I wanted him to do everything I wanted to do." He (8) _____ music scene in the late seventies. His singing, songwriting, guitar playing, on-stage performances and producing (9) _____ world over the next four decades. The Washington Post called him, "one of the most (10) _____ and influential recording artists of his generation". The music icon sold over 100 million records. (11) _____ known for his 1984 album 'Purple Rain'. The music magazine 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince at number 27 (12) _____ 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

1. On what day of the week did Prince die?

2. Where did Prince go last week?

3. Who has been shocked by Prince's death?

4. Who said she was devastated by Prince's death?

5. Who called Prince a gifted and prolific musician?

6. What was the job of one of Prince's parents?

7. When did Prince first become famous?

8. For how long did Prince change the music world?

9. How many records did Prince sell?

10. What number is Prince on Rolling Stone's greatest ever artists list?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

1. On what day of the week did Prince die?
 - a) a Thursday
 - b) a Friday
 - c) a Wednesday
 - d) a Saturday
2. Where did Prince go last week?
 - a) Mexico
 - b) a concert hall
 - c) hospital
 - d) New York
3. Who has been shocked by Prince's death?
 - a) Prince's neighbour
 - b) the entertainment world
 - c) his record company
 - d) a radio presenter
4. Who said she was devastated by Prince's death?
 - a) Michelle Obama
 - b) Lady Gaga
 - c) Adele
 - d) Madonna
5. Who called Prince a gifted and prolific musician?
 - a) Barack Obama
 - b) Justin Bieber
 - c) Taylor Swift
 - d) his manager
6. What was the job of one of Prince's parents?
 - a) a drummer
 - b) a guitarist
 - c) a violinist
 - d) a piano player
7. When did Prince first become famous?
 - a) 1991
 - b) at the end of the 1970s
 - c) 1969
 - d) the early '80s
8. For how long did Prince change the music world?
 - a) half a century
 - b) 16 years and 3 months
 - c) 28 years
 - d) 40 years
9. How many records did Prince sell?
 - a) about 100 million
 - b) just under 100 million
 - c) over 100 million
 - d) exactly 100 million
10. What number is Prince on Rolling Stone's greatest ever artists list?
 - a) 7
 - b) 27
 - c) 37
 - d) 17

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

Role A – R&B

You think R&B is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock 'n' roll, hip hop or techno.

Role B – Rock 'n' Roll

You think rock 'n' roll is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): R&B, hip hop or techno.

Role C – Hip hop

You think hip hop is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock 'n' roll, R&B or techno.

Role D – Techno

You think techno is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock 'n' roll, hip hop or R&B.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'rock' and 'star'.

rock	star
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• age• plane• flu• social• gifted• all	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• real• everything• late• next• 100• 27
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PRINCE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Prince in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

PRINCE DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'superstar'?
- 3) What do you know about Prince?
- 4) What do you think about Prince and his music?
- 5) Who is your favourite musician and why?
- 6) What kind of life does a rock superstar have?
- 7) How do you think Prince changed the world?
- 8) How important are great musical artists?
- 9) Who is the most gifted person you know?
- 10) What kind of rock star would you be?

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PRINCE DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you think of Prince's name?
- 13) How important is music?
- 14) What is your favourite musical genre and why?
- 15) What decade has been the best for music?
- 16) Would you prefer to be a singer, guitarist or songwriter?
- 17) What's your favourite song and why?
- 18) Who is the most influential singer in your culture?
- 19) Who are the greatest musical artists of all time?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask an expert on Prince?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Prince was the son of a jazz pianist. His real name was Prince Rogers Nelson. His father said: "I named my son Prince because I wanted him to do everything I wanted to do." He (7) _____ onto the music scene in the (8) _____ seventies. His singing, songwriting, guitar playing, on-stage performances and producing changed the music world over the next four (9) _____. The Washington Post called him, "one of the most popular, inventive and influential recording artists of (10) _____ generation". The music icon sold over 100 million records. He is perhaps best (11) _____ for his 1984 album 'Purple Rain'. The music magazine 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince at number 27 on its (12) _____ of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) deadly | (b) dead | (c) death | (d) died |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) off | (c) out | (d) away |
| 3. | (a) laundry | (b) landing | (c) leaning | (d) loading |
| 4. | (a) thinks | (b) think | (c) thoughts | (d) thinkers |
| 5. | (a) prolific | (b) protect | (c) profile | (d) project |
| 6. | (a) electrifying | (b) electrical | (c) electrician | (d) electricity |
| 7. | (a) blast | (b) boast | (c) bust | (d) burst |
| 8. | (a) late | (b) past | (c) end | (d) behind |
| 9. | (a) millennia | (b) decades | (c) centuries | (d) days |
| 10. | (a) him | (b) he | (c) his | (d) them |
| 11. | (a) knowledge | (b) knowing | (c) known | (d) knows |
| 12. | (a) paper | (b) list | (c) memo | (d) note |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. He padess away on Thursday
2. his plane made an grenecmye landing
3. he had eoniddrahyt and the flu
4. riilecbeest have been sharing their thoughts
5. A true vaiorniys
6. an electrifying mfreprear

Paragraph 2

7. the son of a jazz tasinpi
8. He rtbus onto the music scene
9. in the late esev senti
10. over the next four deaecsd
11. recording artists of his niraegetno
12. The music nagiaezm Rolling Stone

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () a brilliant bandleader, and an electrifying performer."
- () a week after his plane made an emergency landing to take the singer to hospital. Reports were that he had dehydration
- () and the flu. His death has shocked the entertainment world. Many celebrities have been sharing their thoughts
- () time". He added that: "Prince did it all. Funk, R&B, rock and roll. He was a virtuoso instrumentalist,
- () loss. I'm devastated." President Barack Obama called him, "one of the most gifted and prolific musicians of our
- (**1**) The rock superstar Prince has died at the age of 57. He passed away on Thursday at his home in Minneapolis. His death comes
- () world over the next four decades. The Washington Post called him, "one of the most popular, inventive
- () magazine 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince at number 27 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.
- () records. He is perhaps best known for his 1984 album 'Purple Rain'. The music
- () about him on social media. Madonna wrote: "He changed the world. A true visionary. What a
- () son Prince because I wanted him to do everything I wanted to do." He burst onto the music scene in the late
- () seventies. His singing, songwriting, guitar playing, on-stage performances and producing changed the music
- () Prince was the son of a jazz pianist. His real name was Prince Rogers Nelson. His father said: "I named my
- () and influential recording artists of his generation". The music icon sold over 100 million

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

1. 57 of age the at died has Prince superstar rock The .

2. plane emergency A his an after made landing week .

3. world the has His entertainment shocked death .

4. have about been him sharing their Celebrities thoughts .

5. gifted musicians time most prolific our The and of .

6. son of Prince a was jazz the pianist .

7. I to I do him everything to wanted do wanted .

8. seventies He burst onto the music scene in the late .

9. sold over The 100 music million icon records .

10. 27 of of Number Artists list Greatest its Time 100 on All the .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The rock superstar Prince has *died* / *dead* at the age of 57. He passed away on Thursday at his home in Minneapolis. His *death* / *dead* comes a week after his plane made an emergency *grounding* / *landing* to take the singer to hospital. Reports were that he had dehydration and *a* / *the* flu. His death has shocked the entertainment world. Many *celebrities* / *celebrity* have been sharing their thoughts about him *in* / *on* social media. Madonna wrote: "He changed the world. A *truly* / *true* visionary. What a loss. I'm devastated." President Barack Obama called him, "one of the most *gifted* / *gifts* and prolific musicians of our *timely* / *time*". He added that: "Prince did it all. Funk, R&B, rock and roll. He was a virtuoso *instrumentalist* / *instrumental*, a brilliant bandleader, and an electrifying performer."

Prince was the son of a jazz pianist. His *real* / *really* name was Prince Rogers Nelson. His father said: "I *named* / *naming* my son Prince because I wanted him to do everything I wanted to *doing* / *do*." He burst onto the music *seen* / *scene* in the late *seventies* / *seventy*. His singing, songwriting, guitar playing, on-stage performances and producing changed the music world over the next *for* / *four* decades. The Washington Post called him, "one of the most *popularity* / *popular*, inventive and *influential* / *influence* recording artists of his generation". The music icon sold over 100 million records. He is perhaps best *knowing* / *known* for his 1984 album 'Purple Rain'. The music magazine 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince *at* / *in* number 27 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ r_ ck_ s_ p_ rst_ r_ Pr_ nc_ h_ s_ d_ _d_ _t_ th_ _g_ _f_ 57.
H_ p_ ss_ d_ _w_ y_ _n_ Th_ rsd_ y_ _t_ h_ s_ h_ m_ _n_
M_ nn_ _p_ l_ s_ . H_ s_ d_ _th_ c_ m_ s_ _w_ k_ _ft_ r_ h_ s_ pl_ n_ _
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h_ sp_ t_ l_ . R_ p_ rts_ w_ r_ th_ t_ h_ h_ d_ d_ hydr_ t_ _n_ _nd_
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w_ rld_ . M_ ny_ c_ l_ br_ t_ _s_ h_ v_ b_ _n_ sh_ r_ ng_ th_ _r_
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_ 'm_ d_ v_ st_ t_ d_ ." Pr_ s_ d_ nt_ B_ r_ ck_ b_ m_ c_ ll_ d_ h_ m_ ,
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br_ ll_ _nt_ b_ ndl_ _d_ r_ , _nd_ _n_ l_ ctr_ fy_ ng_ p_ rf_ rm_ r_ ."
Pr_ nc_ w_ s_ th_ s_ n_ _f_ _j_ zz_ p_ _n_ st_ . H_ s_ r_ _l_ n_ m_ _
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w nt_ d_ t_ d_ . " H_ b_ rst_ nt_ th_ m_ s_ c_ sc_ n_ _n_ th_
l_ t_ s_ v_ nt_ _s_ . H_ s_ s_ ng_ ng_ , s_ ngwr_ t_ ng_ , g_ _t_ r_
pl_ y_ ng_ , _n_ st_ g_ _p_ rf_ rm_ nc_ s_ _nd_ pr_ d_ c_ ng_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

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prince was the son of a jazz pianist his real name was prince rogers nelson his father said "i named my son prince because i wanted him to do everything i wanted to do" he burst onto the music scene in the late seventies his singing songwriting guitar playing on-stage performances and producing changed the music world over the next four decades the washington post called him "one of the most popular inventive and influential recording artists of his generation" the music icon sold over 100 million records he is perhaps best known for his 1984 album 'purple rain' the music magazine 'rolling stone' ranked prince at number 27 on its list of the 100 greatest artists of all time

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Music is the greatest art. Discuss.

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 out more about Prince. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PRINCE: Make a poster about Prince. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GREATEST ARTISTS: Write a magazine article about the greatest musical artists of all time. Include imaginary interviews with people who knew them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Prince. Ask him/her three questions about the star. Give him/her three of your thoughts on him. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c F d T e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. passed away | a. died |
| 2. death | b. passing |
| 3. shocked | c. stunned |
| 4. gifted | d. talented |
| 5. performer | e. artist |
| 6. named | f. called |
| 7. burst | g. exploded |
| 8. inventive | h. creative |
| 9. icon | i. idol |
| 10. best known | j. most famous |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A Thursday
2. Hospital
3. The entertainment world
4. Madonna
5. Barack Obama
6. Jazz pianist
7. In the late seventies
8. Four decades
9. Over 100 million
10. 27

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)