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Level 0 – 19th December, 2019

Mariah Carey Xmas hit number 1 after 25 years

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey-0.html>

Mariah Carey is number one in the U.S. with "All I Want For Christmas Is You". This song is 25 years old. In 1994, it was on a record with other songs, so it could not enter the music chart. Rules changed and the song has got near number one many times. Ms Carey is happy to finally get the top spot. She tweeted: "We did it".

Ms Carey is also an actor and businesswoman. She is the solo artist with the most U.S. number ones. She has 19; The Beatles have 20. Ms Carey can sing in five octaves. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is very popular at parties and get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "It is the most played holiday song in modern history."

Sources: <https://www.nme.com/news/music/mariah-careys-all-i-want-for-christmas-is-you-is-finally-us-number-one-after-25-years-2588214>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_I_Want_for_Christmas_Is_You
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-50818039>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. number one | a. get the top spot |
| 2. This song is 25 | b. other songs |
| 3. on a record with | c. chart |
| 4. it could not | d. years old |
| 5. music | e. number one |
| 6. Rules | f. enter |
| 7. the song has got near | g. changed |
| 8. happy to finally | h. in the U.S. |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. an actor and | a. holiday song |
| 2. solo | b. ones |
| 3. the most U.S. number | c. history |
| 4. Ms Carey can sing in | d. artist |
| 5. very | e. togethers |
| 6. at parties and get- | f. five octaves |
| 7. the most played | g. businesswoman |
| 8. modern | h. popular |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mariah Carey (1) _____ in the U.S. with "All I Want For Christmas Is You". (2) _____ 25 years old. In 1994, it was (3) _____ with other songs, so it (4) _____ the music chart. Rules changed and the song (5) _____ number one many times. Ms Carey is happy to finally get (6) _____. She tweeted: "We did it".

Ms Carey is (7) _____ and businesswoman. She is the (8) _____ the most U.S. number ones. She has 19; The Beatles have 20. Ms Carey (9) _____ five octaves. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" (10) _____ at parties and get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "It is (11) _____ holiday song (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ave20.MsCareycansinginfiveoctaves."AllIWantForChristmasIsY
ou"isverypopularatpartiesandget-togethers.Wikipediasaid:"Itisthe
mostplayedholidaysonginmodernhistory."

CHRISTMAS SONGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Christmas songs 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

