

e-lesson

Week starting: 17th August 2009

1. Beyoncé

This week's lesson is about the American R&B singer who is already one of the most successful female performers in the history of pop music: Beyoncé Knowles.

Level

Intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level B1 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Start by asking your students what their favourite kinds of music are, and why. Ask them who they think are the best female performers in pop music today, and why. Then brainstorm on the subject of Beyoncé, gathering as much information as possible.
2. Give your students five to ten minutes to read through Worksheet A, encouraging them to look up new vocabulary. Tell them they are going to answer questions on the text, but that they shouldn't write anything down at this stage.
3. Divide the students into pairs, hand out Worksheet B, and ask them to work together to complete the crossword.
4. Check answers in open class.

Answers: 1. married 2. female 3. hit 4. world 5. tune 6. earns 7. style
8. sang 9. album 10. voice 11. history

If the sentences have been completed correctly, *If I Were A Boy* will read from top to bottom.

5. Ask the students to put away Worksheet A or to temporarily hand it back to you. Keeping the students in their pairs, ask them to attempt Exercise 2 on Worksheet C, which contains the text from Worksheet A with twenty incorrect words that they have to identify and correct. The words containing the mistakes are all in bold, as are five other words that are correct. Point out that the mistakes are all grammatical or lexical, and that no correction requires them to write more than one additional word.

6. Check answers in open class.

Answers: 1. successful 3. according 4. on 5. up 6. quite 8. stage 9. talent
10. become 12. solo 13. came out 15. worldwide 16. stations 17. on
18. ringtone 19. rapper 20. wondering 21. relationship 22. starring
23. thriller 24. sold-out

Words in bold that are correct: 2. name 7. singing 11. surprised 14. copies
25. around

2. Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_7830000/newsid_7836800/7836872.stm

A BBC *Newsround* article (January 2009) on the concert held in Washington for Barack Obama immediately before his inauguration as US president. Beyoncé was one of the performers. Accessible to intermediate level.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_7330000/newsid_7334400/7334429.stm

A short *Newsround* text (April 2008) on Beyoncé and Jay-Z's wedding. Accessible to intermediate level.

<http://www.beyonceonline.com/us>

The official Beyoncé website. Intermediate level and above.