

LADY GAGA

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Of course, Lady Gaga isn't her real name. She was born Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta on March the 28th, 1986. Lady Gaga is her stage name. She is an American singer-songwriter who has become one of the biggest names in music – for her songs, performances, fashion and politics. She became famous in 2008 and just two years later was included in Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Lady Gaga had a musical upbringing. She learned to play piano from the age of four and was singing in public by the time she was 14. She also loved acting in musicals at school. She went to a New York art college at the age of 17 where she wrote a research paper that focused on "music, art, sex and celebrity". She concentrated on songwriting and singing in New York clubs. She got her name from the Queen song "Radio Gaga".

Gaga was inspired by David Bowie, Blondie and Madonna. She hit the big time following the release of her debut album *The Fame* in 2008. The singles "Just Dance" and "Poker Face" became international hits. The album reached number one on the record charts in six countries. Her second album *Born This Way* (2011) also enjoyed spectacular success. The single "Born This Way" was the fastest-selling single in iTunes history.

Gaga is also outspoken when it comes to politics. She has spoken at military meetings in support of gays and lesbians in the US Army and shocked the world by wearing a dress made from meat, to draw attention to human rights. She is also a philanthropist and raised \$500,000 for the Haiti earthquake from a concert performance. Gaga also designed a Japan Prayer Bracelet which raised \$1.5 million for Japan's tsunami relief fund.

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. of course | a. important |
| 2. famous | b. thesis |
| 3. influential | c. naturally |
| 4. upbringing | d. focused |
| 5. research paper | e. well-known |
| 6. concentrated | f. childhood |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 7. inspired | g. highlight |
| 8. following | h. amazing |
| 9. spectacular | i. collected |
| 10. military | j. motivated |
| 11. draw attention to | k. after |
| 12. raised | l. armed forces |

PHRASE MATCH Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Lady Gaga isn't | a. the time she was 14 |
| 2. the 100 most | b. relief fund |
| 3. Lady Gaga had a | c. influential people |
| 4. singing in public by | d. to human rights |
| 5. She concentrated | e. musical upbringing |
| 6. She hit | f. in iTunes history |
| 7. the fastest-selling single | g. her real name |
| 8. outspoken when it | h. the big time |
| 9. draw attention | i. on songwriting |
| 10. Japan's tsunami | j. comes to politics |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Of course, Lady Gaga _____ . She was born Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta on March the 28th, 1986. Lady Gaga is her stage name. She is an American singer-songwriter _____ of the biggest names in music – for her songs, performances, fashion and politics. She became famous in 2008 and just two years _____ in Time magazine's list of the 100 most _____ world.

Lady Gaga had _____. She learned to play piano from the age of four and was singing in public by the time she was 14. She _____ musicals at school. She went to a New York art college at the age of 17 where _____ paper that focused on "music, art, sex and celebrity". _____ songwriting and singing in New York clubs. She got her name from the Queen song "Radio Gaga".

Gaga was inspired by David Bowie, Blondie and Madonna. She hit the big time _____ of her debut album The Fame in 2008. The singles "Just Dance" and "Poker Face" became international hits. The album _____ on the record charts in six countries. Her second album Born This Way (2011) also _____ success. The single "Born This Way" was the _____ in iTunes history.

Gaga is also outspoken _____ politics. She has spoken at military meetings in support of gays and lesbians in the US Army and _____ by wearing a dress made from meat, _____ human rights. She is also a philanthropist and raised \$500,000 for the Haiti earthquake from a concert performance. Gaga also designed a Japan Prayer Bracelet which raised \$1.5 million for Japan's _____.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Of course, Lady Gaga isn't her *really / real* name. She was *born / birth* Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta on March the 28th, 1986. Lady Gaga is her *stage / staging* name. She is an American singer-songwriter who has become one of the biggest names in music – for her songs, performances, fashion and *political / politics*. She became famous in 2008 and just two years *after / later* was included in Time magazine's list of the 100 most *influential / influence* people in the world.

Lady Gaga had a *musical / musically* upbringing. She learned to play the piano from the *age / aged* of four and was singing in public by the time she was 14. She also loved acting *at / in* musicals at school. She went to a New York art college at the age of 17 where she wrote a research *magazine / paper* that focused on "music, art, sex and celebrity". She concentrated *in / on* songwriting and singing in New York clubs. She *gets / got* her name from the Queen song "Radio Gaga".

Gaga was *inspired / inspirational* by David Bowie, Blondie and Madonna. She *hit / smashed* the big time *following / followed* the release of her debut album The Fame in 2008. The singles "Just Dance" and "Poker Face" became international *hit / hits*. The album reached number one on the record charts in six countries. Her second album Born This Way (2011) also *liked / enjoyed* spectacular success. The single "Born This Way" was the *fast / fastest*-selling single in iTunes history.

Gaga is also outspoken when it *comes / goes* to politics. She has spoken at military meetings *in / on* support of gays and lesbians in the US Army and shocked the world *at / by* wearing a dress made from meat, to draw attention to human rights. She is also a philanthropist and *raised / increased* \$500,000 for the Haiti earthquake from a concert performance. Gaga also *designed / designs* a Japan Prayer Bracelet which raised \$1.5 million for Japan's tsunami relief *fund / funding*.

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. Of urcsoe
2. singer-woirtsregn
3. performances, fashion and tlpsoic
4. the 100 most tneulinilfa people

Paragraph 2

5. a smilcau upbringing
6. singing in pilcbu
7. she wrote a srcaereh paper
8. sex and eirbyectl

Paragraph 3

9. Gaga was inpirdse by David Bowie
10. her utbde album
11. The album ahcrdee number one
12. the fastest-snelgli single

Paragraph 4

13. in ruptspo of gays and lesbians
14. draw eiantottn to human rights
15. the Haiti aekghuaert
16. nasutim relief fund

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Gaga was inspired by David Bowie, Blondie and Madonna. She hit the big time following the release of her debut
- () on March the 28th, 1986. Lady Gaga is her stage name. She is an American singer-songwriter who has become one of
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- () public by the time she was 14. She also loved acting in musicals at school. She went to a New York art college
- () two years later was included in Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world.
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- () on songwriting and singing in New York clubs. She got her name from the Queen song "Radio Gaga".
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- () the biggest names in music – for her songs, performances, fashion and politics. She became famous in 2008 and just

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. course Gaga real Of Lady her , isn't name.

2. The in 100 the most world influential people.

3. of four She learned to play piano from the age.

4. musicals also at loved school acting in She.

5. wrote paper on She research focused a that music.

6. the reached on charts album one record The number.

7. single The in fastest iTunes - history selling.

8. also it politics is when to Gaga outspoken comes.

9. made dress a Wearing meat from

10. \$1.5 Raised fund relief tsunami Japan's for million.

DISCUSSION (Write your questions)

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

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

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions)

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

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

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THE LADY GAGA SURVEY

Write five questions about Lady Gaga 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.

WRITING

Write about Lady Gaga for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or other search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Lady Gaga. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LADY GAGA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Lady Gaga. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article Lady Gaga. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she 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 Lady Gaga. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Lady Gaga expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES:

Look at the text on page 2.