

LEWIS HAMILTON

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Lewis Hamilton was born in England in 1985. He was named after American sprint champion Carl Lewis, so he was associated with speed even from when he was a baby. Perhaps it came as no surprise that Lewis got into racing of some sort. He won the Formula 1 World Championship in November 2008 to become F1's youngest ever champion, at the age of 23.

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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. influential | a. rose |
| 2. shot | b. jail |
| 3. feuding | c. selling |
| 4. murdered | d. important |
| 5. dealing | e. killed |
| 6. prison | f. arguing |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| 7. skills | g. let go |
| 8. growing | h. contract |
| 9. dropped | i. extremely |
| 10. moved | j. talent |
| 11. deal | k. relocated |
| 12. very | l. increasing |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. the world's most famous and | a. carrying a gun |
| 2. founded his own | b. was growing |
| 3. hit the headlines for feuding with | c. rapping in 1996 |
| 4. he started drug dealing and | d. influential rappers |
| 5. he spent six months | e. record deal |
| 6. Lewis Hamilton started | f. in prison |
| 7. Jay developed Lewis Hamilton's | g. successful businessman |
| 8. Just as his popularity | h. other rappers |
| 9. sign a million-dollar | i. record label |
| 10. Lewis Hamilton is now an actor and very | j. rapping skills |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

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SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. most famous and influential apesrpr
2. the leraese of his albums
3. sold over 20 million osepic
4. hit the edhienals

Paragraph 2

5. His mother was rmurdeed when he was eight
6. he started drug gnieald
7. he oedmptec at boxing
8. he spent six months in oinpsr

Paragraph 3

9. Lewis Hamilton started rnipagp in 1996
10. Columbia Records ngiesd Lewis Hamilton
11. his popularity was nrgogiw
12. he was eaulnb to find work

Paragraph 4

13. odeecrdr his album
14. inivdte Lewis Hamilton to his home
15. sign a million-dollar record leda
16. successful mnsusaibesn

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () movies and founded his own record label. Lewis Hamilton has hit the headlines for feuding with other rappers.
- () 14, he competed at boxing in the Junior Olympics. In 1994, he spent six months in prison.
- () Lewis Hamilton started rapping in 1996, after meeting Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC. Jay developed Lewis Hamilton's rapping
- (**1**) Lewis Hamilton is one of the world's most famous and influential rappers. He shot to fame with the release of his
- () called "How to Rob". Just as his popularity was growing, he was shot nine times
- () and very successful businessman as well as being a rap superstar.
- () outside his home. His record label dropped him and he was unable to find work.
- () He moved to Canada and recorded his album 'Guess Who's Back?' In 2002, Eminem heard
- () the album and invited Lewis Hamilton to his home in LA to sign a million-dollar record
- () Lewis Hamilton's real name is Curtis James Jackson III. He was born in New York in 1975. His mother was murdered when he was
- () eight. He never knew his father. At the age of 12, he started drug dealing and carrying a gun. When he was
- () albums 'Get Rich or Die Tryin' and 'The Massacre', which sold over 20 million copies. He has also acted in several
- () deal. In 2003, Lewis Hamilton released his smash-hit album 'Get Rich or Die Tryin'. Lewis Hamilton is now an actor
- () skills and in 1999, Columbia Records signed him. He recorded a successful single

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. influential the most and rappers world's famous

2. several He also in movies has acted

3. other with feuding for headlines the hit rappers

4. a carrying and dealing drug started he gun

5. in he prison spent In six 1994 months ,

6. Cent's 50 developed Jay skills rapping

7. He called single successful a recorded "How to Rob"

8. was he home his outside times nine shot

9. deal a - record sign million dollar

10. businessman successful very and actor an

LEWIS HAMILTON DISCUSSION:

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

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

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LEWIS HAMILTON DISCUSSION:

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

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

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LEWIS HAMILTON SURVEY:

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

3. LEWIS HAMILTON POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Lewis Hamilton. 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 Lewis Hamilton. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he 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 Lewis Hamilton. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Lewis Hamilton expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.