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2. debuted  
3. progress  
4. clear  
5. formed  
6. distinctive

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. acclaimed  
8. collaborate  
9. entire  
10. constantly  
11. destructive  
12. incredible

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.
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4. she formed  
5. her distinctive  
6. She won  
7. the biggest names in rock were waiting  
8. She couldn’t escape the reporters  
9. Her battles with  
10. her self destructive behaviour

a. unique  
b. develop  
c. started  
d. wonderful  
e. made her first appearance  
f. obvious  
g. continually  
h. whole  
i. damaging  
j. admired  
k. amazing  
l. work together  

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b. drug and alcohol abuse  
c. dozens of awards  
d. to fame  
e. to collaborate with her  
f. songwriter  
g. was often tabloid news  
h. voice  
i. a rap group  
j. who followed her every move
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SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

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

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What do you know about Amy Winehouse?
2. What do you think of Amy Winehouse’s?
3. What would you like to know about Amy Winehouse and why?
4. ___________________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________________
6. ___________________________________________________
7. ___________________________________________________
8. ___________________________________________________

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Amy Winehouse?
2. What questions would you like answered about Amy Winehouse?
3. How would her career have gone if she hadn’t died?
4. ___________________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________________
6. ___________________________________________________
7. ___________________________________________________
8. ___________________________________________________
**THE AMY WINEHOUSE SURVEY:**

Write five questions about Amy Winehouse 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.

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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 Amy Winehouse for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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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 Amy Winehouse. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. **AMY WINEHOUSE POSTER:** Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Amy Winehouse. 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 Amy Winehouse. Include an imaginary interview with her fans.
   Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. **OBITUARY:** Write an obituary about Amy Winehouse.
ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.