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## Level 3

# Beyonce releases a secret album

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

American pop singer Beyonce surprised her fans on Friday. She released her fifth album without telling anyone. The album was one of the biggest secrets in music history. Beyonce wanted to try a new way of releasing her music. She did not want to advertise it weeks or months before it came out. She wanted to tell her fans about the album herself. She did not want to let record company executives or newspapers tell them. The release was even a surprise for other celebrities and singers. She said: "There's so much that gets between the music, the artist and the fans. I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my record is coming out."

Beyonce released her new album exclusively on iTunes, which means people can only download it from that site. It contains 14 new songs and 17 videos. She filmed the videos in different parts of the world. She said she wanted to do something people would remember. She remembers being very excited when Michael Jackson released his Thriller video and wanted to do something similar. She said: "I feel like right now people experience music differently." The album sold 80,000 copies in the first three hours of its release. Sales were helped by millions of people tweeting about the album. There were more than 1.2 million tweets in the first 12 hours. That's around 5,300 tweets a minute.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. POP SINGERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about pop singers. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*pop singer / surprised / album / secrets / music history / advertise / executives / exclusively / iTunes / remember / excited / something similar / experience / tweets*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. MUSIC:** What are the good and bad points of these ways of listening to music? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good points	Bad points
MP3		
Vinyl record		
YouTube		
CD		
Illegal download		
Radio		

**4. POP:** Students A **strongly** believe pop music is the best music in the world; Students B **strongly** believe pop music is the worst music in the world. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SONGS:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most important things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- lyrics (words)
- video
- guitar solos
- danceability
- catchy tune
- singer's voice
- length
- song/album artwork

**6. ALBUM:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "album". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Beyonce said her fans surprised her on Friday.                     | T / F |
| b. Beyonce released five albums before this new one.                  | T / F |
| c. The singer wanted to tell her fans about the new record herself.   | T / F |
| d. Many other singers knew about the album before it came out.        | T / F |
| e. People can only buy the record on iTunes.                          | T / F |
| f. There are more videos than songs on the album.                     | T / F |
| g. The album sold 80,000 copies in the first three days.              | T / F |
| h. The article says people's comments on Facebook helped album sales. | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1. fans        | a. album     |
| 2. telling     | b. method    |
| 3. way         | c. shot      |
| 4. surprise    | d. aided     |
| 5. record      | e. close     |
| 6. exclusively | f. followers |
| 7. filmed      | g. about     |
| 8. similar     | h. informing |
| 9. helped      | i. shock     |
| 10. around     | j. only      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. American pop singer Beyonce surprised      | a. on iTunes                |
| 2. She released her fifth album               | b. about the album herself  |
| 3. one of the biggest secrets                 | c. coming out               |
| 4. She wanted to tell her fans                | d. without telling anyone   |
| 5. when my record is                          | e. in the first three hours |
| 6. Beyonce released her new album exclusively | f. of people tweeting       |
| 7. wanted to do something                     | g. her fans on Friday       |
| 8. The album sold 80,000 copies               | h. 5,300 tweets a minute    |
| 9. Sales were helped by millions              | i. in music history         |
| 10. That's around                             | j. similar                  |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

American pop singer Beyonce (1) \_\_\_\_\_ her fans on Friday. She released her fifth album (2) \_\_\_\_\_ telling anyone. The album was one of the biggest secrets in music (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Beyonce wanted to try a new way of releasing her music. She did not want to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ it weeks or months before it came out. She wanted to tell her fans about the album herself. She did not want to let record company (5) \_\_\_\_\_ or newspapers tell them. The release was even a surprise for other (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and singers. She said: "There's so much that gets (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the music, the artist and the fans. I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my record is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ out."

*advertise*  
*between*  
*coming*  
*without*  
*executives*  
*surprised*  
*history*  
*celebrities*

Beyonce released her new album (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on iTunes, which means people can only (10) \_\_\_\_\_ it from that site. It contains 14 new songs and 17 videos. She filmed the videos in different parts of the world. She said she wanted to do something people would (11) \_\_\_\_\_. She remembers being very excited when Michael Jackson released his Thriller video and wanted to do something (12) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "I feel like right now people experience music differently." The album sold 80,000 (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in the first three hours of its release. Sales were helped by millions of people (14) \_\_\_\_\_ about the album. There were more than 1.2 million tweets in the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ 12 hours. That's around 5,300 tweets a (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*similar*  
*tweeting*  
*remember*  
*minute*  
*exclusively*  
*first*  
*download*  
*copies*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

- 1) American pop singer Beyonce \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. surprising her fans
  - b. surprised the fans
  - c. surprised her fan
  - d. surprised her fans
- 2) She released her fifth album \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. without telling no one
  - b. without telling anyone
  - c. without telling someone
  - d. without telling everyone
- 3) She did not want to advertise it weeks or months before \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. it came out
  - b. it comes out
  - c. it became out
  - d. it becomes out
- 4) She wanted to tell her fans about the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. album himself
  - b. album herself
  - c. album themselves
  - d. album ourselves
- 5) I felt like I didn't want anybody to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. give the massage
  - b. give the mess age
  - c. give the mass age
  - d. give the message
- 6) Beyonce released her new album \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. exclusive on iTunes
  - b. exclusives on iTunes
  - c. exclusivity on iTunes
  - d. exclusively on iTunes
- 7) She said she wanted to do something people \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. would remembers
  - b. would remember
  - c. would remembered
  - d. would remembering
- 8) wanted to do \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. something similarly
  - b. something similar
  - c. something dissimilar
  - d. something similarity
- 9) I feel like right now people experience \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. music different
  - b. music difference
  - c. music differently
  - d. music differentiate
- 10) There were more than 1.2 million tweets \_\_\_\_\_ 12 hours
  - a. in the fast
  - b. in the firstly
  - c. in the first
  - d. in the firsts

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

American pop singer Beyonce (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday. She released her fifth album without telling anyone. The album was one of the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ music history. Beyonce wanted to try a new way of releasing her music. She did not want to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ or months before it came out. She wanted to tell her fans about the album herself. She did not want (4) \_\_\_\_\_ company executives or newspapers tell them. The release was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for other celebrities and singers. She said: "There's so much that gets between the music, the artist and the fans. I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my record (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Beyonce released her new (7) \_\_\_\_\_ iTunes, which means people can only download it from that site. It contains 14 new songs and 17 videos. She filmed the videos (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. She said she wanted to do something people would remember. She remembers being very excited when Michael Jackson released his Thriller video and wanted to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "I feel like right now people \_\_\_\_\_ experience \_\_\_\_\_ music \_\_\_\_\_ differently." The album (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the first three hours of its release. Sales were helped (11) \_\_\_\_\_ tweeting about the album. There were more than 1.2 million tweets in the first 12 hours. That's around 5,300 (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

1. What did Beyonce do to her fans on Friday?

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2. Who did she tell about the album before its release?

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3. How big a secret was the album?

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4. Who did Beyonce not want to talk about her album?

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5. What did Beyonce say gets between the music, the artist and the fans?

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6. Where can we buy the record?

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7. How many more videos than songs are there?

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8. How does Beyonce think people nowadays experience music?

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9. How many copies of the album did people buy in the first three hours?

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10. What really helped sales of the album?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

1. What did Beyonce do to her fans on Friday?
  - a) give money to them
  - b) surprise them
  - c) wave to them
  - d) ignore them
2. Who did she tell about the album before its release?
  - a) her fans
  - b) reporters
  - c) no one
  - d) Internet music sites
3. How big a secret was the album?
  - a) not really so big
  - b) the biggest in music history
  - c) nowhere near the biggest
  - d) one of the biggest in music history
4. Who did Beyonce not want to talk about her album?
  - a) her fans
  - b) record company executives
  - c) Twitter followers
  - d) celebrities
5. What did Beyonce say gets between the music, the artist and the fans?
  - a) so much
  - b) not much
  - c) nothing
  - d) everything
6. Where can we buy the record?
  - a) iTunes
  - b) New York
  - c) any record store
  - d) only from Beyonce's website
7. How many more videos than songs are there?
  - a) none
  - b) 1
  - c) 2
  - d) 3
8. How does Beyonce think people nowadays experience music?
  - a) on the go
  - b) more clearly
  - c) differently
  - d) at home
9. How many copies of the album did people buy in the first three hours?
  - a) eight million
  - b) eight hundred thousand
  - c) 18 thousand
  - d) eighty thousand
10. What really helped sales of the album?
  - a) iTunes
  - b) Twitter
  - c) other celebrities
  - d) newspapers

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

## **Role A – Lyrics**

You think the lyrics are the most important thing about a song. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): danceability, a catchy tune or the singer's voice.

## **Role B – Danceability**

You think danceability is the most important thing about a song. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the lyrics, a catchy tune or the singer's voice.

## **Role C – A catchy tune**

You think a catchy tune is the most important thing about a song. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): danceability, the lyrics or the singer's voice.

## **Role D – Singer's voice**

You think the singer's voice is the most important thing about a song. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): danceability, a catchy tune or the lyrics.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'music' and 'history'.

<b>music</b>	<b>history</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fifth</li><li>• history</li><li>• weeks</li><li>• herself</li><li>• celebrities</li><li>• message</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• exclusively</li><li>• 17</li><li>• world</li><li>• similar</li><li>• three</li><li>• minute</li></ul>
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# POP MUSIC SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

Write five GOOD questions about **pop music** 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.

# BEYONCE & MUSIC DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'music'?
- c) What do you know about Beyonce?
- d) Why do you think Beyonce is so popular?
- e) Is keeping an album a secret a good idea?
- f) Do you think other singers will keep their album releases a secret?
- g) Who is your favourite singer (and why)?
- h) What feelings do you have for your favourite singer?
- i) What music are you listening to these days?
- j) Is pop music good?

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# BEYONCE & MUSIC DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you prefer to buy CDs or download music from the Internet?
- c) How important is it for an album to come with videos?
- d) Do you think more artists will now release song/video albums?
- e) What do you think of Michael Jackson's Thriller video?
- f) How have your musical tastes changed since you were younger?
- g) What's your favourite album (and why)?
- h) How does music make you feel?
- i) What would life be like without music?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Beyonce?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

American pop singer Beyonce (1) \_\_\_\_\_ her fans on Friday. She released her fifth album without (2) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone. The album was one of the biggest secrets in music history. Beyonce wanted to try a new (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of releasing her music. She did not want to advertise it weeks or months before it came out. She wanted to tell her fans about the album (4) \_\_\_\_\_. She did not want to let record company executives or newspapers tell them. The release was even a surprise for other celebrities and singers. She said: "There's so (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that gets between the music, the artist and the fans. I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my record is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ out."

Beyonce released her new album (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on iTunes, which means people can only download it from that site. It contains 14 new songs and 17 videos. She filmed the videos in (8) \_\_\_\_\_ parts of the world. She said she wanted to do something people would remember. She remembers (9) \_\_\_\_\_ very excited when Michael Jackson released his Thriller video and wanted to do something (10) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "I feel like right now people experience music (11) \_\_\_\_\_." The album sold 80,000 copies in the first three hours of its release. Sales were helped by millions of people tweeting about the album. There were more than 1.2 million tweets in the first 12 hours. That's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 5,300 tweets a minute.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                |                 |                   |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) surprise    | (b) surprised  | (c) surprises   | (d) surprising    |
| 2.  | (a) told        | (b) telling    | (c) tells       | (d) tell          |
| 3.  | (a) use         | (b) form       | (c) stylish     | (d) way           |
| 4.  | (a) hers        | (b) herself    | (c) her own     | (d) her           |
| 5.  | (a) most        | (b) much       | (c) more        | (d) many          |
| 6.  | (a) came        | (b) comes      | (c) coming      | (d) come          |
| 7.  | (a) excluding   | (b) exclaiming | (c) exclusively | (d) exceptionally |
| 8.  | (a) variety     | (b) whole      | (c) different   | (d) original      |
| 9.  | (a) be          | (b) been       | (c) was         | (d) being         |
| 10. | (a) similar     | (b) same       | (c) alike       | (d) matching      |
| 11. | (a) differently | (b) differed   | (c) difference  | (d) indifferent   |
| 12. | (a) abound      | (b) abut       | (c) around      | (d) errand        |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. Beyonce idrpsseru her fans
2. one of the biggest stresec
3. a new way of silergean her music
4. record company ectevuesxi
5. eectrlibsei and singers
6. give the esemgas

## Paragraph 2

7. eyvselculxi on iTunes
8. It nasincto 14 new songs
9. She remembers being very cdeixet
10. do something rslimai
11. people reexpeeinc music differently
12. inllsoim of people



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) copies in the first three hours of its release. Sales were helped by millions of people
- ( ) company executives or newspapers tell them. The release was even a surprise for other
- ( ) and the fans. I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my record is coming out."
- ( ) telling anyone. The album was one of the biggest secrets in music history. Beyonce wanted to try a new
- ( ) similar. She said: "I feel like right now people experience music differently." The album sold 80,000
- ( ) way of releasing her music. She did not want to advertise it weeks or months before it came
- ( **1** ) Beyonce released her new album exclusively on iTunes, which means people can only download
- ( ) American pop singer Beyonce surprised her fans on Friday. She released her fifth album without
- ( ) parts of the world. She said she wanted to do something people would remember. She remembers being very
- ( ) out. She wanted to tell her fans about the album herself. She did not want to let record
- ( ) tweeting about the album. There were more than 1.2 million tweets in the first 12 hours. That's around 5,300 tweets a minute.
- ( ) celebrities and singers. She said: "There's so much that gets between the music, the artist
- ( ) excited when Michael Jackson released his Thriller video and wanted to do something
- ( ) it from that site. It contains 14 new songs and 17 videos. She filmed the videos in different

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

1. her Pop fans singer on Beyonce Friday surprised.

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2. telling her anyone fifth album She without released.

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3. history music in secrets biggest the of one was album The.

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4. her releasing of way new a try to wanted Beyonce music.

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5. other The even for was surprise celebrities release a.

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6. album Beyonce exclusively released on her iTunes new.

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7. only site download it People from can that.

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8. do something She people wanted would to remember.

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9. sold first copies 80,000 The three in , album hours the.

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10. 5,300 That's tweets around a minute.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

American pop singer Beyonce *surprised / surprising* her fans on Friday. She released her fifth album without telling *no one / anyone*. The album was one of the biggest *secrecy / secrets* in music history. Beyonce wanted to try a new way of *releases / releasing* her music. She did not want to advertise it weeks or months *before / behind* it came out. She wanted to tell her fans about the album *themselves / herself*. She did not want to let record company *executive / executives* or newspapers tell them. The release was *ever / even* a surprise for other celebrities and singers. She said: "There's *such / so* much that gets between the music, the artist and the fans. I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my record is coming *out / in*."

Beyonce released her new album *excluded / exclusively* on iTunes, which means people can only *upload / download* it from that site. It contains 14 new songs and 17 videos. She *filmed / films* the videos in different parts of the world. She said she wanted to do something people *wouldn't / would* remember. She remembers being very *exciting / excited* when Michael Jackson released his Thriller video and wanted to do something *similarity / similar*. She said: "I feel like *right / left* now people experience music differently." The album sold 80,000 copies *in / on* the first three hours of its release. Sales were *helping / helped* by millions of people tweeting about the album. There were more than 1.2 million tweets in the first 12 hours. That's *around / round* 5,300 tweets a minute.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

\_m\_r\_c\_n p\_p s\_ng\_r B\_y\_nc\_ s\_rpr\_s\_d h\_r f\_ns \_n  
Fr\_d\_y. Sh\_r\_l\_s\_d h\_r f\_fth \_lb\_m w\_th\_\_t t\_ll\_ng  
\_ny\_n\_. Th\_ \_lb\_m w\_s \_n\_ \_f th\_ b\_gg\_st s\_cr\_ts \_n  
m\_s\_c h\_st\_ry. B\_y\_nc\_ w\_nt\_d t\_ try \_n\_w w\_y \_f  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131216-beyonce.html>

american pop singer beyonce surprised her fans on friday she released her fifth album without telling anyone the album was one of the biggest secrets in music history beyonce wanted to try a new way of releasing her music she did not want to advertise it weeks or months before it came out she wanted to tell her fans about the album herself she did not want to let record company executives or newspapers tell them the release was even a surprise for other celebrities and singers she said "there's so much that gets between the music the artist and the fans i felt like i didn't want anybody to give the message when my record is coming out"

beyonce released her new album exclusively on itunes which means people can only download it from that site it contains 14 new songs and 17 videos she filmed the videos in different parts of the world she said she wanted to do something people would remember she remembers being very excited when michael jackson released his thriller video and wanted to do something similar she said "i feel like right now people experience music differently" the album sold 80000 copies in the first three hours of its release sales were helped by millions of people tweeting about the album there were more than 12 million tweets in the first 12 hours that's around 5300 tweets a minute

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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American pop singer Beyoncé surprised her fans on Friday. She released her fifth album without telling anyone. The album was one of the biggest secrets in music history. Beyoncé wanted to try a new way of releasing her music. She did not want to advertise it weeks or months before it came out. She wanted to tell her fans about the album herself. She did not want to let record company executives or newspaper tell them. The release was even a surprise for other celebrities and singers. She said: "There's so much that gets between the music, the artist and the fans. I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my record is coming out." Beyoncé released her new album exclusively on iTunes, which means people can only download it from that site. It contains 14 songs and 17 videos. She filmed the videos in different parts of the world. She said she wanted to do something people would remember. She remembers being very excited when Michael Jackson released his Thriller video and wanted to do something similar. She said: "I feel like right now people experience music differently." The album sold 80,000 copies in the first three hours of its release. Sales were helped by millions of people tweeting about the album. There were more than 1.2 million tweets in the first 12 hours. That's around 5,300 tweets a minute.







# 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 out more about Beyonce. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. BEYONCE:** Make a poster about Beyonce. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SECRETS:** Write a magazine article about secrets. Include imaginary interviews with people who are good and bad at keeping secrets.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to Beyonce. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three pieces of advice on what to do in the future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d F    e T    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1. fans        | a. followers |
| 2. telling     | b. informing |
| 3. way         | c. method    |
| 4. surprise    | d. shock     |
| 5. record      | e. album     |
| 6. exclusively | f. only      |
| 7. filmed      | g. shot      |
| 8. similar     | h. close     |
| 9. helped      | i. aided     |
| 10. around     | j. about     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Surprise them
2. No one
3. One of the biggest in music history
4. Record company executives and newspapers
5. So much
6. iTunes
7. Three
8. Differently
9. 80,000
10. Twitter / People tweeting

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. a    7. d    8. c    9. d    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)