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Level 2 – 19th December, 2019

Mariah Carey Xmas hit number 1 after 25 years

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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American singer Mariah Carey is number one in the U.S. music charts with her song "All I Want For Christmas Is You". The festive best seller was first released 25 years ago. When the song first came out in 1994, it was on a record with other songs, so it could not be in Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Rules have been changed over the years. The song has got near number one several times. Ms Carey was very happy her song finally hit the top spot. She tweeted: "We did it". The song is also the most streamed song in the U.K. on the music streaming service Spotify.

Mariah Carey was born in 1969. She is a singer, songwriter, actor, record producer, and businesswoman. She is the solo artist with the most number ones in the U.S. chart. She has 19 number ones - just one behind The Beatles. The Guinness World Records book said she has a unique voice. She can sing in five different octaves. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is an essential tune at Christmas parties and family get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "It is an up-tempo love song that includes...heavy back-up vocals and synthesizers....It is the most played holiday song in modern history."

Sources: <https://www.nme.com/news/music/mariah-careys-all-i-want-for-christmas-is-you-is-finally-us-number-one-after-25-years-2588214>
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<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-50818039>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. number one in the U.S. | a. song |
| 2. first released | b. number one |
| 3. Rules have been changed | c. service Spotify |
| 4. The song has got near | d. music charts |
| 5. several | e. top spot |
| 6. her song finally hit the | f. 25 years ago |
| 7. the most streamed | g. times |
| 8. the music streaming | h. over the years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Mariah Carey was | a. in modern history |
| 2. record | b. number ones |
| 3. She is the solo artist with the | c. at Christmas |
| 4. She has 19 | d. producer |
| 5. she has a unique | e. togethers |
| 6. an essential tune | f. born in 1969 |
| 7. parties and family get- | g. voice |
| 8. the most played holiday song | h. most number ones |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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American singer Mariah Carey is (1) _____ the U.S. music charts with her song "All I Want For Christmas Is You". The (2) _____ was first released 25 years ago. When the song first came out in 1994, it was (3) _____ with other songs, so it could not be in Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Rules have been changed (4) _____. The song has got near number one several times. Ms Carey was very happy her song finally hit (5) _____. She tweeted: "We did it". The song is also the most (6) _____ the U.K. on the music streaming service Spotify.

Mariah Carey was born in 1969. She (7) _____, songwriter, actor, record producer, and businesswoman. She is the (8) _____ the most number ones in the U.S. chart. She has 19 number ones - (9) _____ The Beatles. The Guinness World Records book said she has a unique voice. She can sing in (10) _____. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is an essential tune at Christmas parties and family get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "It is (11) _____ song that includes...heavy (12) _____ synthesizers....It is the most played holiday song in modern history."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHRISTMAS SONGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Christmas songs 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Christmas songs** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
