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Sitar legend Ravi Shankar dies

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THE ARTICLE

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121213-ravi_shankar.html

The world's greatest ever sitar player Ravi Shankar has died in a hospital in the USA, aged 92. The legendary maestro was hospitalized last week to have an operation, but never fully recovered. His wife Sukanya and daughter Anoushka, also an accomplished sitarist, were by his side when he passed away. They issued a statement to say: "Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the surgeons and doctors taking care of him, his body was not able to withstand the strain of the surgery." They added: "Although it is a time for sorrow and sadness, it is also a time for all of us to give thanks and to be grateful that we were able to have him as a part of our lives. He will live forever in our hearts and in his music."

Ravi Shankar was born Robindro Shaunkor Chowdhury on 7 April 1920 in Varanasi on the banks of the River Ganges. He started learning the sitar when he was 26. Sixteen years later he was touring Europe and the USA helping to increase the popularity of Indian classical music. His major break came when he taught George Harrison of The Beatles to play the sitar. He went on to have a huge influence on Western popular music and became an international superstar. He said in an interview in 2011: "Everywhere I went, I was recognised. I didn't like that at all." Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described him as a "national treasure and global ambassador of India's cultural heritage".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-20690632>
<http://www.rollingstone.com/music/news/ravi-shankar-dead-at-92-20121212>

WARM-UPS

1. RAVI SHANKAR: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Ravi Shankar. 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.

greatest / sitar / legendary / maestro / accomplished / surgeons / sorrow / grateful / River Ganges / popularity / Indian classical music / influence / superstar / ambassador

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

3. LEGENDARY: Who are your legends? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change and share again.

| | Who? | Why? |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Musician | | |
| Actor | | |
| Business person | | |
| Humanitarian | | |
| Politician | | |
| English teacher | | |

4. WESTERN ROCKS: Students A **strongly** believe Western rock music is the best music in the world; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. MUSIC: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Indian classical music
- Hawaiian music
- Caribbean calypso
- Australian didgeridoo
- Scottish bagpipe music
- Peruvian panpipes
- Flamenco
- Arabic music

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Ravi Shankar has been in hospital for the past month. | T / F |
| b. He died alone in his sleep. | T / F |
| c. His wife and daughter issued a statement to the press. | T / F |
| d. His wife said it is not a time for sorrow and sadness. | T / F |
| e. Ravi Shankar was not the name he was given at birth. | T / F |
| f. Shankar started playing the sitar when he was 6 years old. | T / F |
| g. Shankar taught a member of the rock group The Beatles to play sitar. | T / F |
| h. Shankar said he didn't like people knowing who he was. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. legendary | a. expert |
| 2. maestro | b. representative |
| 3. accomplished | c. survive |
| 4. despite | d. impact |
| 5. withstand | e. renowned |
| 6. break | f. one of a kind |
| 7. influence | g. virtuoso |
| 8. treasure | h. tradition |
| 9. ambassador | i. regardless of |
| 10. heritage | j. opportunity |

3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The legendary maestro was | a. the River Ganges |
| 2. an accomplished | b. influence on |
| 3. his body was not able to | c. sorrow and sadness |
| 4. it is a time for | d. as a national treasure |
| 5. He will live forever | e. sitarist |
| 6. on the banks of | f. hospitalized last week |
| 7. helping to increase | g. withstand the strain |
| 8. have a huge | h. heritage |
| 9. Manmohan Singh described him | i. the popularity |
| 10. India's cultural | j. in our hearts |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

The world's greatest (1) _____ sitar player Ravi Shankar has died in a hospital in the USA, aged 92. The (2) _____ maestro was hospitalized last week to have an operation, but never fully (3) _____. His wife Sukanya and daughter Anoushka, also an (4) _____ sitarist, were by his side when he passed away. They issued a statement to say: "Unfortunately, despite the best (5) _____ of the surgeons and doctors taking care of him, his body was not able to withstand the (6) _____ of the surgery." They added: "Although it is a time for (7) _____ and sadness, it is also a time for all of us to give thanks and to be grateful that we were able to have him as a part of our lives. He will live (8) _____ in our hearts and in his music."

accomplished

sorrow

legendary

forever

ever

efforts

recovered

strain

Ravi Shankar was born Robindro Shaunkor Chowdhury on 7 April 1920 in Varanasi on the (9) _____ of the River Ganges. He started learning the sitar when he was 26. Sixteen years later he was (10) _____ Europe and the USA helping to (11) _____ the popularity of Indian classical music. His major (12) _____ came when he taught George Harrison of The Beatles to play the sitar. He went on to have a huge (13) _____ on Western popular music and became an international superstar. He said in an interview in 2011: "Everywhere I went, I was (14) _____. I didn't like that at all." Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described him as a "national (15) _____ and global ambassador of India's cultural (16) _____".

increase

treasure

break

banks

heritage

touring

influence

recognised

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) The _____ sitar player Ravi Shankar has died in a hospital in the USA.
 - a. world's ever greatest
 - b. world's grey test ever
 - c. world's greatest ever
 - d. greatest ever in the world
- 2) The _____ was hospitalized last week to have an operation...
 - a. legendary maestro
 - b. legend and maestro
 - c. legend of the maestro
 - d. legendary maestros
- 3) His wife Sukanya and daughter Anoushka, also an accomplished sitarist, _____ he passed away.
 - a. were buying his side when
 - b. whereby his side when
 - c. were beside him when
 - d. were by his side when
- 4) his body was not able _____ of the surgery
 - a. to withstand all the strain
 - b. to understand the strain
 - c. to withstand the strain
 - d. to with stand this train
- 5) a time _____ and to be grateful that we were able to have him
 - a. for all of us to say thanks
 - b. for us all to say thanks
 - c. from all of us to say thank you
 - d. for all of us to give thanks
- 6) Sixteen years later he was touring Europe and the USA helping _____ Indian classical music.
 - a. to increase the population of
 - b. two in crease the popular it
 - c. to increase a popularity of
 - d. to increase the popularity of
- 7) _____ he taught George Harrison of The Beatles to play the sitar.
 - a. He's mayor break came when
 - b. He's major bray came when
 - c. His major bray came when
 - d. His major break came when
- 8) He went on to _____ Western popular music
 - a. have a huge influential on
 - b. have a huge influence on
 - c. have a who influence on
 - d. have a huge influence in
- 9) _____ recognised. I didn't like that at all.
 - a. Anywhere I went, I was
 - b. Everywhere I when tie was
 - c. Everywhere I went, I was
 - d. Everywhere we went, I was
- 10) Singh described him as _____ global ambassador of India's cultural heritage"
 - a. a "nation and treasure and
 - b. a "national treasury and
 - c. a "national treasure and
 - d. a "nationality treasure and

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121213-ravi_shankar.html

1. Where did Ravi Shankar die?

2. Why did he go to hospital?

3. Who was sitting next to him when he died?

4. What could not withstand the strain of the surgery?

5. Where did his wife and daughter say he would live forever?

6. When did he start learning the Sitar?

7. What did he want to popularise?

8. What did he have an enormous impact on?

9. What part of his fame didn't he like?

10. Who described him as a "national treasure"?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121213-ravi_shankar.html

1. Where did Ravi Shankar die?
 - a) at a nursing home
 - b) in a hospital
 - c) on stage
 - d) at home
2. What musical instrument does his daughter play?
 - a) violin
 - b) guitar
 - c) sitar
 - d) piano
3. What could his body not withstand?
 - a) shock
 - b) picking up a sitar
 - c) years of sitar playing
 - d) an operation
4. What are his daughter and wife grateful for?
 - a) that they were with him when he died
 - b) that he was a part of their lives
 - c) his music
 - d) his laughter
5. Where will he live forever?
 - a) in his family's hearts
 - b) on the banks of the River Ganges
 - c) in his sitar
 - d) in the USA
6. In which city was Ravi Shankar born?
 - a) Varanasi
 - b) Paris
 - c) Denpasar
 - d) Varadero
7. How old was he when he took up the sitar?
 - a) 6 months
 - b) 6
 - c) 16
 - d) 26
8. Why did he tour the USA and Europe?
 - a) he was invited to do so by presidents and prime ministers
 - b) he wanted to meet Western rock musicians
 - c) to make Indian classical music more popular
 - d) he didn't like India
9. What part of his fame didn't he like?
 - a) the constant touring
 - b) screaming fans
 - c) signing autographs
 - d) being recognised everywhere he went
10. Who described him as a "global ambassador"?
 - a) Barack Obama
 - b) the Indian Prime Minister
 - c) his daughter
 - d) the chief of the U.N.

ROLE PLAY

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121213-ravi_shankar.html

Role A – Sitar player

You believe Indian classical music should be more popular. Tell the others three reasons why. Ravi Shankar was the greatest musician ever. He still gave concerts in his 90s. Western rock stars wanted to learn from him. Western music is full of silly songs by people who can't sing or play an instrument.

Role B – Rock guitarist

You believe rock music is a great gift to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. You think Indian classical music is OK but if it was great, why isn't it popular worldwide. Rock music gets to the heart and makes you want to dance. Rock guitarists and drummers rock!

Role C – Concert pianist

You believe the classical music of Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, etc. is the best music in history. Tell the others three reasons why. Rock music is ridiculous. They are not musicians – they did not attend music school. They have no talent. They cannot sing like opera singers. All classical musicians are geniuses.

Role D – Drummer

You hate all rock, classical, folk, jazz...music. Tell the others three reasons why. The only true music is drumming. It's the original music. It comes from the heart. It's the soul of rhythm. Just drums. All other music is noise. All other music has drums but they are not used well.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121213-ravi_shankar.html

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

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| legend | maestro |
|---------------|----------------|

- 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">• ever• fully• passed• able• sorrow• forever | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• banks• 26• break• huge• interview• global |
|---|--|

RAVI SHANKAR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Ravi Shankar 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.

RAVI SHANKAR 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 name Ravi Shankar?
- c) What do you know about Ravi Shankar?
- d) What would you like to know about him?
- e) What do you know about the sitar?
- f) What do you think it's like to be the greatest musician playing an instrument?
- g) What do you think of sitar music?
- h) What instrument would you like to be a maestro at? Why?
- i) What kind of musicians continue to be top stars at the age of 90?
- j) What do you think other musicians will say about him?

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RAVI SHANKAR DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Why do you think he changed his birth name?
- c) Do you think it's amazing he became the world's best when he only started learning the sitar when he was 26?
- d) How has Indian classical music influenced world music?
- e) Would you like to be famous and recognized everywhere you go?
- f) What do you think it means to his family for India's prime minister to call him a "national treasure"?
- g) Will you now go and find or buy Ravi Shankar's music?
- h) Do you know enough about world music?
- i) What should the music world do to celebrate Shankar's life and music?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a Ravi Shankar expert?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) legendary | (b) contents | (c) index | (d) key |
| 2. | (a) ambulatory | (b) doctored | (c) hospitalized | (d) operated |
| 3. | (a) accomplishing | (b) accomplishment | (c) accomplished | (d) accompany |
| 4. | (a) strength | (b) strenuous | (c) straits | (d) strain |
| 5. | (a) borrow | (b) morrow | (c) sorrow | (d) arrow |
| 6. | (a) alive | (b) live | (c) lively | (d) living |
| 7. | (a) bed | (b) banks | (c) source | (d) curve |
| 8. | (a) liked | (b) popularity | (c) commonness | (d) favouritism |
| 9. | (a) breakage | (b) breaker | (c) break | (d) breaking |
| 10. | (a) compact | (b) affect | (c) guidance | (d) influence |
| 11. | (a) recognition | (b) cognition | (c) cognitive | (d) recognised |
| 12. | (a) hermitage | (b) arbitrage | (c) triage | (d) heritage |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The legendary meoatsr
2. never fully ecdeerrvo
3. also an icaplomsdehc sitarist
4. the nsugseor and doctors
5. ihtdswnta the strain of the surgery

Paragraph 2

6. increase the aiolptpyur of Indian classical music
7. have a huge enuelicfn
8. Everywhere I went, I was isdrngoece
9. global adsobrsmaa
10. India's cultural ghiraete

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121213-ravi_shankar.html

- () Ravi Shankar was born Robindro Shaunkor Chowdhury on 7 April 1920 in Varanasi on the
- () recovered. His wife Sukanya and daughter Anoushka, also an accomplished sitarist, were by
- () aged 92. The legendary maestro was hospitalized last week to have an operation, but never fully
- () interview in 2011: "Everywhere I went, I was recognised. I didn't like that
- () his side when he passed away. They issued a statement to say: "Unfortunately, despite the best
- () of the surgery." They added: "Although it is a time for sorrow and sadness, it is also a time for all of us to give
- (**1**) The world's greatest ever sitar player Ravi Shankar has died in a hospital in the USA,
- () at all." Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described him as a "national treasure and global ambassador of India's cultural heritage".
- () break came when he taught George Harrison of The Beatles to play the sitar. He went on to have a huge
- () Europe and the USA helping to increase the popularity of Indian classical music. His major
- () thanks and to be grateful that we were able to have him as a part of our lives. He will live forever in our hearts and in his music."
- () influence on Western popular music and became an international superstar. He said in an
- () banks of the River Ganges. He started learning the sitar when he was 26. Sixteen years later he was touring
- () efforts of the surgeons and doctors taking care of him, his body was not able to withstand the strain

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121213-ravi_shankar.html

1. week last hospitalized was maestro legendary the.

2. the withstand to able not was body his surgery of strain.

3. us for also to all a it give of time is thanks.

4. grateful were have be we to that able him.

5. forever live will he hearts our in.

6. started sitar was he the he learning when 26.

7. Indian of popularity the increase music classical.

8. a have to on went he music Western on influence huge.

9. treasure as ". a Singh " described national him

10. cultural ambassador India's heritage global of.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121213-ravi_shankar.html

The world's greatest *ever / even* sitar player Ravi Shankar has died in a hospital in the USA, aged 92. The *legendary / legend* maestro was hospitalized last week to have an operation, but never fully *recovering / recovered*. His wife Sukanya and daughter Anoushka, also an *accomplishment / accomplished* sitarist, were by his side when he *past / passed* away. They issued a statement to say: "Unfortunately, *spite / despite* the best efforts of the surgeons and doctors taking care of him, his body was not able to *withstand / withhold* the *strain / straits* of the surgery." They added: "Although it is a time for *sorrow / sorrowful* and sadness, it is also a time for all of us to give thanks and to be grateful that we were able to have him as a *part / party* of our lives. He will live forever in our hearts and in *his / our* music."

Ravi Shankar was born Robindro Shaunkor Chowdhury on 7 April 1920 in Varanasi on the *banks / banking* of the River Ganges. He started learning the sitar when he was 26. Sixteen years later he was *toured / touring* Europe and the USA helping to increase the *favourites / popularity* of Indian classical music. His major *break-up / break* came when he taught George Harrison of The Beatles to play the sitar. He went on to have a *huge / enormous* influence on Western popular music and became an international superstar. He said *in / on* an interview in 2011: "Everywhere I went, I was *recognised / recognition*. I didn't like that at *every / all*." Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described him as a "*national / nationality* treasure and global ambassador of India's cultural *hermitage / heritage*".

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)

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Th_ w_rld's gr__t_st _v_r s_t_r pl_y_r R_v_ Sh_nk_r
h_s d__d _n _ h_sp_t_l _n th_ _S_, _g_d 92. Th_
l_g_nd_ry m__str_ w_s h_sp_t_l_z_d l_st w__k t_ h_v_
_n _p_r_t__n, b_t n_v_r f_lly r_c_v_r_d. H_s w_f_
S_k_ny_ _nd d__ght_r _n__shk_, _ls_ _n _cc_mpl_sh_d
s_t_r_st, w_r_ by h_s s_d_ wh_n h_p_ss_d_w_y. Th_y
_ss_d _st_t_m_nt t_ s_y: "_nf_rtn_t_ly, d_sp_t_
th_ b_st _ff_rts _f th_ s_rg__ns _nd d_ct_rs t_k_ng
c_r_ _f h_m, h_s b_dy w_s n_t _bl_ t_ w_thst_nd th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 out more about the sitar legend Ravi Shankar. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. RAVI SHANKAR: Make a poster about Ravi Shankar. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MAESTRO: Write a magazine article about Ravi Shankar and the influence he had on world music. Include imaginary interviews with people who met him.

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 a world music expert. Ask him/her three questions about Ravi Shankar. Give him/her three ideas on what to do to commemorate Shankar's life. 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 F c T d F e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. legendary | a. renowned |
| 2. maestro | b. virtuoso |
| 3. accomplished | c. expert |
| 4. despite | d. regardless of |
| 5. withstand | e. survive |
| 6. break | f. opportunity |
| 7. influence | g. impact |
| 8. treasure | h. one of a kind |
| 9. ambassador | i. representative |
| 10. heritage | j. tradition |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. In a hospital in the USA
2. To have an operation
3. His wife and daughter
4. His body
5. In their hearts and in his music
6. When he was 26
7. Indian classical music
8. Western popular music
9. Being recognized
10. Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

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 ;-)