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## **Level 0**

# **Rock superstar Prince dies at 57**

**23rd April, 2016**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

The rock star Prince has died, aged 57. Last week, he went to hospital with the flu. His death has shocked the world.

Madonna wrote: "He changed the world." Barack Obama called him, "one of the most gifted and prolific musicians of our time". He said Prince was, "an electrifying performer".

Prince Rogers Nelson was the son of a jazz pianist. His songs, guitar playing, and performances changed the music world.

The Washington Post called him, "one of the most popular, inventive and influential recording artists". 'Rolling Stone' put

Prince at number 27 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

Sources: <http://www.rollingstone.com/music/news/prince-dead-at-57-20160421>  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/arts-and-entertainment/wp/2016/04/21/authorities-investigating-death-at-princes-paisley-park/>  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/pop-culture/music/prince-iconic-purple-rain-musician-dead-57-publicist-n559946>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. rock                     | a. of our time |
| 2. Prince has died,         | b. world       |
| 3. he went to hospital with | c. aged 57     |
| 4. His death has shocked    | d. performer   |
| 5. He changed the           | e. the world   |
| 6. one of the most          | f. star        |
| 7. prolific musicians       | g. the flu     |
| 8. an electrifying          | h. gifted      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the son of a jazz          | a. Post             |
| 2. His songs, guitar playing, | b. on its list      |
| 3. changed the music          | c. and performances |
| 4. The Washington             | d. of All Time      |
| 5. one of the most            | e. pianist          |
| 6. influential recording      | f. popular          |
| 7. number 27                  | g. world            |
| 8. the 100 Greatest Artists   | h. artists          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160423-prince.html>

The rock star Prince (1) \_\_\_\_\_ 57. Last week, he went to hospital (2) \_\_\_\_\_. His death has (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Madonna wrote: "He changed the world." Barack Obama called him, "(4) \_\_\_\_\_ gifted and prolific musicians (5) \_\_\_\_\_". He said Prince was, "an electrifying performer".

Prince Rogers Nelson was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ jazz pianist. His songs, guitar playing, and performances (7) \_\_\_\_\_ world. The Washington Post called him, "one (8) \_\_\_\_\_ popular, inventive and influential (9) \_\_\_\_\_". 'Rolling Stone' put Prince at number 27 on its list of the 100 Greatest (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

