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Mariah Carey Xmas hit number 1 after 25 years

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

American singer Mariah Carey has reached number one in the U.S. music charts with her classic song "All I Want For Christmas Is You". It is not unusual for a festive song to be the best seller at Christmas, but Carey's famous song was first released 25 years ago. When the song first came out in 1994, it was on a record with several other songs. This meant it was not allowed to compete in Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Rules have been changed over the years. Carey's song has got near number one several times since 1994. The singer said she was very happy her song finally hit the top spot. She tweeted: "We did it". The song is also currently 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, actress, record producer, and entrepreneur. She is now the solo artist with the most ever number ones in the U.S. chart. She is one behind The Beatles, who had 20 number ones. The Guinness World Records book called her the "Songbird Supreme". She has a unique voice and can sing in five different octaves. Her song "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is famous worldwide. It has become an essential tune at Christmas parties and family get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "The track is an up-tempo love song that includes bell chimes, 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>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_I_Want_for_Christmas_Is_You
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-50818039>

WARM-UPS

1. CHRISTMAS SONGS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Christmas songs. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

number one / music / chart / festive / famous / 1994 / singer / happy / streaming / 1969 / actress / entrepreneur / unique / worldwide / family get-togethers / history

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

3. CHRIST: Students A **strongly** believe all Christmas songs should be about the birth of Jesus Christ; Students B **strongly** believe Xmas songs can be about anything. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CHRISTMAS: What do you know about Christmas? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

About...	What I Know	What I Want To Know
Christmas		
Jesus' birth		
Santa		
Presents		
Christmas Trees		
Boxing Day		

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

6. ALL I WANT FOR XMAS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best presents at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Wireless ear pods
- Adidas trainers
- Lots of books
- Clothes
- iTunes vouchers
- Donate the money to charity
- Expensive chocolates
- Socks

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. reached | a. Made a movie or song, book, etc. available for people to buy or listen to, watch, etc. |
| 2. classic | b. Take part in a contest. |
| 3. festive | c. Got as far as. |
| 4. released | d. Now. |
| 5. compete | e. Looked at over a period of time to be of the highest quality of its kind. |
| 6. several | f. About a celebration, party or happy time. |
| 7. currently | g. More than two but not many. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. streaming | h. Parts of a piece of music that are sung. |
| 9. entrepreneur | i. Sending or receiving data (especially video and audio) over a computer network or the Internet. |
| 10. solo | j. A person who organizes and operates a business or businesses, taking risks in order to do that. |
| 11. supreme | k. Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else in the world. |
| 12. unique | l. Strongest, most important, or most powerful. |
| 13. essential | m. Done by one person alone. |
| 14. vocals | n. Absolutely necessary; extremely important. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

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

- a. Mariah Carey's Christmas song is number one all across the world. **T / F**
- b. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" was first released in 1994. **T / F**
- c. Mariah Carey tweeted that was "satisfied" about being number one. **T / F**
- d. The article said the song is number 1 in the UK on iTunes. **T / F**
- e. Mariah Carey is in her fifties. **T / F**
- f. Only The Beatles have had more U.S. number ones than Mariah Carey. **T / F**
- g. Mariah Carey can sing across seven octaves. **T / F**
- h. Wikipedia said Ms Carey's song has soft and peaceful back-up vocals. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. reached | a. well-known |
| 2. unusual | b. permitted |
| 3. released | c. businesswoman |
| 4. allowed | d. presently |
| 5. currently | e. harmonies |
| 6. entrepreneur | f. strange |
| 7. unique | g. necessary |
| 8. famous | h. got to |
| 9. essential | i. one-of-a-kind |
| 10. vocals | j. issued |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. reached number one in | a. voice |
| 2. it was on a record with | b. modern history |
| 3. Rules have been changed | c. song in the U.K. |
| 4. her song finally hit the | d. togethers |
| 5. the most streamed | e. several other songs |
| 6. solo | f. Christmas parties |
| 7. She has a unique | g. the U.S. music charts |
| 8. an essential tune at | h. artist |
| 9. family get- | i. top spot |
| 10. the most played holiday song in | j. over the years |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

American singer Mariah Carey has reached number one in the U.S. music charts with her (1) _____ song "All I Want For Christmas Is You". It is not unusual for a festive song to be the best (2) _____ at Christmas, but Carey's famous song was first (3) _____ 25 years ago. When the song first came out in 1994, it was on a record with (4) _____ other songs. This meant it was not allowed to compete in Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Rules have been changed (5) _____ the years. Carey's song has got near number one several times since 1994. The singer said she was very happy her song (6) _____ hit the top spot. She tweeted: "We did it". The song is also currently the most (7) _____ song in the U.K. on the music streaming (8) _____ Spotify.

released
over
classic
streamed
several
service
seller
finally

Mariah Carey was born in 1969. She is a singer, songwriter, actress, record (9) _____, and entrepreneur. She is now the (10) _____ artist with the most ever number ones in the U.S. chart. She is one behind The Beatles, who had 20 number (11) _____. The Guinness World Records book called her the "Songbird Supreme". She has a (12) _____ voice and can sing in five different (13) _____. Her song "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is famous worldwide. It has become an essential (14) _____ at Christmas parties and family get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "The track is an up-tempo love song that includes bell chimes, heavy back-up (15) _____, and synthesizers....It is the most played holiday song in modern (16) _____."

solo
tune
octaves
ones
history
producer
vocals
unique

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

- 1) American singer Mariah Carey has reached number one in the _____
 - a. U.S. music chats
 - b. U.S. music chaste
 - c. U.S. music charts
 - d. U.S. music chants
- 2) It is not unusual for a festive song to be _____
 - a. them good seller
 - b. the best selling
 - c. them best seller
 - d. the best seller
- 3) When the song first came out in 1994, it was on a record with _____
 - a. several other songs
 - b. several another songs
 - c. several others songs
 - d. several the other songs
- 4) The singer said she was very happy her song finally hit _____
 - a. the top spot
 - b. the top spat
 - c. the top spit
 - d. the top spurt
- 5) the most streamed song in the U.K. on the music streaming _____
 - a. serviced Spotify
 - b. services Spotify
 - c. service Spotify
 - d. servicing Spotify
- 6) She is a singer, songwriter, actress, record producer, _____
 - a. and entry premier
 - b. and on tree premier
 - c. and entre preen are
 - d. and entrepreneur
- 7) She has a unique voice and can sing in five _____
 - a. differ rant octaves
 - b. difference octaves
 - c. differential octaves
 - d. different octaves
- 8) It has become an essential tune at Christmas parties and _____
 - a. family got-together is
 - b. familiar get-togethers
 - c. family get-togethers
 - d. familiar got to gathers
- 9) The track is an up-tempo love song that _____
 - a. include bell chimes
 - b. includes ball chimes
 - c. include ball chime
 - d. includes bell chimes
- 10) It is the most played holiday song _____
 - a. on modern history
 - b. in modern history
 - c. at modern history
 - d. to modern history

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

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Mariah Carey was born in 1969. She is a singer, songwriter, actress, record producer, and entrepreneur. She is now (7) _____ with the most ever number ones in the U.S. chart. She (8) _____ The Beatles, who had 20 number ones. The Guinness World Records book called her the "Songbird Supreme". She has (9) _____ and can sing in five different octaves. Her song "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is famous worldwide. It has become (10) _____ at Christmas parties and family get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "The (11) _____ up-tempo love song that includes bell chimes, heavy back-up vocals, and synthesizers....It is the most played holiday song (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

1. Where in the world has Mariah Carey reached number one?
2. In what year was "All I Want For Christmas Is You" first released?
3. What is the name of the chart the song could not enter?
4. How many times has the song nearly been number one?
5. Where is the song number one on a streaming site?
6. When was Mariah Carey born?
7. Which artist has had more U.S. number ones than Mariah Carey?
8. How many octaves does Mariah Carey's voice cover?
9. What did Wikipedia say about the speed of the song?
10. What is the most played holiday song in modern history?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

- 1) Where in the world has Mariah Carey reached number one?
 - a) Japan
 - b) the USA
 - c) China
 - d) Nigeria
- 2) In what year was "All I Want For Christmas Is You" first released?
 - a) 1990
 - b) 1995
 - c) 1993
 - d) 1994
- 3) What is the name of the chart the song could not enter?
 - a) the Hit Parade
 - b) World Music
 - c) the Billboard Hot 100
 - d) the Christmas List
- 4) How many times has the song nearly been number one?
 - a) several times
 - b) seven times
 - c) a few times
 - d) many times
- 5) Where is the song number one on a streaming site?
 - a) Japan
 - b) the UK
 - c) India
 - d) France
- 6) When was Mariah Carey born?
 - a) 1969
 - b) 1967
 - c) 1970
 - d) 1974
- 7) Which artist has had more U.S. number ones than Mariah Carey?
 - a) Elvis Presley
 - b) Beyonce
 - c) The Beatles
 - d) Jay Z
- 8) How many octaves does Mariah Carey's voice cover?
 - a) 5
 - b) 6
 - c) 7
 - d) 8
- 9) What did Wikipedia say about the speed of the song?
 - a) fast-fast-slow
 - b) it is slow
 - c) it is 400 beats per minute
 - d) it is up-tempo
- 10) What is the most played holiday song in modern history?
 - a) Silent Night
 - b) Frosty the Snowman
 - c) All I Want For Christmas Is You
 - d) White Christmas

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

Role A – Socks

You think socks are the best Christmas present. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their presents. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wireless ear pods, books or a donation to charity.

Role B – Wireless Ear Pods

You think wireless ear pods are the best Christmas present. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their presents. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): socks, books or a donation to charity.

Role C – Books

You think books are the best Christmas present. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their presents. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wireless ear pods, socks or a donation to charity.

Role D – A Donation To Charity

You think a donation to charity is the best Christmas present. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their presents. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wireless ear pods, books or socks.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

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

Christmas	song
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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">• classic• unusual• first• compete• happy• most	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• actress• solo• voice• parties• love• history
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CHRISTMAS SONGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

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.

CHRISTMAS SONGS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Christmas'?
3. What do you know about Mariah Carey?
4. What is your favourite Christmas Song?
5. Are modern or traditional Christmas songs best?
6. Should Christmas songs be about Jesus?
7. What is the most important thing about Christmas?
8. What do you think of Christmas songs?
9. How does singing Christmas songs make you feel?
10. What are your plans for Christmas?

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CHRISTMAS SONGS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'song'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you prefer to be a singer, actor or entrepreneur?
15. Would you prefer to be a solo artist or lead singer in a band?
16. What do you like singing?
17. How good is your singing voice?
18. What do you think of Christmas parties?
19. What instruments should always be on a Christmas song?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mariah Carey?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) retched | (b) broached | (c) reached | (d) breached |
| 2. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) at | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) second | (b) first | (c) final | (d) then |
| 4. | (a) meaning | (b) meanie | (c) mean | (d) meant |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) since | (d) on |
| 6. | (a) currant | (b) currently | (c) currency | (d) occurrence |
| 7. | (a) producer | (b) product | (c) production | (d) produces |
| 8. | (a) lonely | (b) single | (c) lone | (d) solo |
| 9. | (a) clique | (b) opaque | (c) unique | (d) antique |
| 10. | (a) essences | (b) essentially | (c) essence | (d) essential |
| 11. | (a) tramp | (b) tempo | (c) samba | (d) salsa |
| 12. | (a) modern | (b) ancient | (c) medieval | (d) post-modern |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

Paragraph 1

1. reechad number one
2. her csisalc song
3. a etsievf song
4. on a record with avrsee other songs
5. allowed to ompceet
6. runelrtyc the most streamed song

Paragraph 2

7. record rprudeco
8. She has a quenui voice
9. an tnsalesei tune at Christmas parties
10. The track is an pu-topem love song
11. heavy back-up ovlcas
12. in mroden history

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () entrepreneur. She is now the solo artist with the most ever number ones in the U.S. chart. She is one behind
- () in Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Rules have been changed over the years. Carey's song has got near number one several
- () seller at Christmas, but Carey's famous song was first released 25 years ago. When the song first came
- () times since 1994. The singer said she was very happy her song finally hit the top spot. She tweeted: "We did it". The song
- () Mariah Carey was born in 1969. She is a singer, songwriter, actress, record producer, and
- () get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "The track is an up-tempo love song that includes bell
- () is famous worldwide. It has become an essential tune at Christmas parties and family
- () out in 1994, it was on a record with several other songs. This meant it was not allowed to compete
- (**1**) American singer Mariah Carey has reached number one in the U.S. music charts with her classic
- () the "Songbird Supreme". She has a unique voice and can sing in five different octaves. Her song "All I Want For Christmas Is You"
- () is also currently the most streamed song in the U.K. on the music streaming service Spotify.
- () song "All I Want For Christmas Is You". It is not unusual for a festive song to be the best
- () The Beatles, who had 20 number ones. The Guinness World Records book called her
- () chimes, heavy back-up vocals, and synthesizers....It is the most played holiday song in modern history."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

1. not festive It unusual song . for a is
2. to meant was it not allowed compete . This
3. near one times . song got Carey's number several
4. finally top Her the spot . hit song
5. the U .K . streamed most song in the Currently
6. solo number the most with artist The ones .
7. sing five can different She octaves . in
8. become at Christmas . has an tune It essential
9. is song . an up-tempo The love track
10. modern history . song The played holiday most in

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

American singer Mariah Carey has *reached / reaching* number one in the U.S. music charts with her classic song "All I Want For Christmas Is You". It is not *unusual / unusually* for a festive song to be the best *buyer / seller* at Christmas, but Carey's famous song was first *release / released* 25 years ago. When the song *first / second* came out in 1994, it was on a record with several other songs. This meant it was *not / now* allowed to compete in Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Rules have been changed *under / over* the years. Carey's song has got near number one several times *since / in* 1994. The singer said she was very happy her song *finally / final* hit the top spot. She tweeted: "We did it". The song is also currently the most streamed song in the U.K. on the music *steaming / streaming* service Spotify.

Mariah Carey was born in 1969. She is a singer, songwriter, actress, record *product / producer*, and *enterprise / entrepreneur*. She is now the solo artist with the most ever number *ones / one* in the U.S. chart. She is one behind The Beatles, who had 20 number ones. The Guinness World Records book called her the "Songbird Supreme". She has a unique *voice / voices* and can sing in five different *octagons / octaves*. Her song "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is famous worldwide. It has become an essential *tune / dune* at Christmas parties and family get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "The *tack / track* is an up-tempo *like / love* song that includes *bell / ball* chimes, heavy back-up vocals, and synthesizers....It is the most played holiday song in *ancient / modern* history."

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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A m_r_c_n s_n g_r M_r__ h C_r_y h_s r__ c h_d
n_m b_r _n_ _n th_ U . S . m_s_c c h_r_t_s w_t h
h_r c_l_s_s_c s_n g " A_l_l I W_n_t F_r C_h_r_s_t
m_s I_s Y__ ". I_t _s n_t _n_s__ l_f_r _ f_s_t_v_
s_n g t_ b_ t_h_ b_s_t s_l_l_r _t C_h_r_s_t_m_s , b_t
C_r_y 's f_m__ s s_n g w_s f_r_s_t r_l__ s_d 25
y__ r_s _g_. W_h_n t_h_ s_n g f_r_s_t c_m_ __ t _n
1994 , _t w_s _n _ r_c_r_d w_t h s_v_r_l _t_h_r
s_n g_s . T_h_s m__ n_t _t w_s n_t _l_l_w_d t_ c_m
p_t_ _n B_l_l_b__ r_d 's H_t 100 c_h_r_t . R_l_s
h_v_ b__ n c_h_n_g_d _v_r t_h_ y__ r_s . C_r_y 's
s_n g h_s g_t n__ r n_m b_r _n_ s_v_r_l t_m_s
s_n c_ 1994 . T_h_ s_n g_r s__ d s_h_ w_s v_r_y
h_p_p_y h_r s_n g f_n_l_l_y h_t t_h_ t_p s_p_t . S
h_ t_w__ t_d : " W_ d_d _t " . T_h_ s_n g _s _l_s_
c_r_r_n_t_l_y t_h_ m_s_t s_t_r__ m_d s_n g _n t_h_ U .
K . _n t_h_ m_s_c s_t_r__ m_n_g s_r_v_c_ S_p_t_f_y .

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R_c_r_d_s b__ k c_l_l_d h_r t_h_ " S_n g_b_r_d S_p
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v_c_l_s , _n_d s_y_n_t_h_s_z_r_s . . . I_t _s t_h_ m_s_t
p_l_y_d h_l_d_y s_n g _n m_d_r_n h_s_t_r_y . "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey.html>

american singer mariah carey has reached number one in the us music charts with her classic song all i want for christmas is you it is not unusual for a festive song to be the best seller at christmas but careys famous song was first released 25 years ago when the song first came out in 1994 it was on a record with several other songs this meant it was not allowed to compete in billboards hot 100 chart rules have been changed over the years careys song has got near number one several times since 1994 the singer said she was very happy her song finally hit the top spot she tweeted we did it the song is also currently the most streamed song in the uk on the music streaming service spotify

mariah carey was born in 1969 she is a singer songwriter actress record producer and entrepreneur she is now the solo artist with the most ever number ones in the us chart she is one behind the beatles who had 20 number ones the guinness world records book called her the songbird supreme she has a unique voice and can sing in five different octaves her song all i want for christmas is you is famous worldwide it has become an essential tune at christmas parties and family gettogethers wikipedia said the track is an uptempo love song that includes bell chimes heavy backup vocals and synthesizers it is the most played holiday song in modern history

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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American singer Mariah Carey has reached number one in the U.S. music charts with her classic song "All I Want For Christmas Is You". It is not unusual for a festive song to be the bestseller at Christmas, but Carey's famous song was first released 25 years ago. When the song first came out in 1994, it was on a record with several other songs. This meant it was not allowed to compete in Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Rules have been changed over the years. Carey's song has got near number one several times since 1994. The singer said she was very happy her song finally hit the top spot. She tweeted: "We did it". The song is also currently 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, actress, record producer, and entrepreneur. She is now the solo artist with the most ever number ones in the U.S. chart. She is one behind The Beatles, who had 20 number ones. The Guinness World Records book called her the "Songbird Supreme". She has a unique voice and can sing in five different octaves. Her song "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is famous worldwide. It has become an essential tune at Christmas parties and family get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "The track is an up-tempo love song that includes bell chimes, heavy back-up vocals, and synthesizers.... It is the most played holiday song in modern history."

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CHRISTMAS SONGS: Make a poster about Christmas songs. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CHRISTMAS: Write a magazine article about Christmas being a world holiday. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on Christmas songs. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your best Xmas songs. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. g 7. d
8. i 9. j 10. m 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. f	3. j	4. b	5. d
6. c	7. i	8. a	9. g	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The USA
2. 1994
3. Billboard Hot 100
4. Several times
5. The UK
6. 1969
7. The Beatles
8. Five
9. It is up-tempo
10. All I Want For Christmas Is You

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. It is not unusual for a festive song.
2. This meant it was not allowed to compete.
3. Carey's song got near number one several times.
4. Her song finally hit the top spot.
5. Currently the most streamed song in the U.K.
6. The solo artist with the most number ones.
7. She can sing in five different octaves.
8. It has become an essential tune at Christmas.
9. The track is an up-tempo love song.
10. The most played holiday song in modern history.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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