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## **Level 3**

### **Taylor Swift pulls album from Apple Music\***

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\* Apple has now decided to pay artists during the free trial and Taylor Swift has agreed to include her album on Apple Music.

# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

The U.S. pop star Taylor Swift has removed her best-selling album '1989' from Apple Music. The 25-year-old singer-songwriter said she disagrees with the way Apple is giving her music away for free. Apple Music is Apple's new music streaming service that starts on June 30th. Anyone can sign up for a free trial and get the first three months without paying. Swift says this is wrong and that Apple should pay artists for these three months. After the initial trial period, subscribers will pay a monthly fee of \$9.99. She wrote an open letter suggesting that Apple was being greedy. She said: "We don't ask [Apple] for free iPhones. Please don't ask us to provide you with our music for no compensation."

Swift further outlined her criticism of Apple Music in her letter. She wrote: "I'm not sure you know that Apple Music will not be paying writers, producers, or artists for those three months." She added that it was very unlike Apple to be so "unfair," saying: "I find it to be shocking, disappointing, and completely unlike this historically progressive and generous company." She told people that Apple had the money to pay artists for the three months. She said: "We know how astronomically successful Apple has been and we know that this incredible company has the money to pay artists....Three months is a long time to go unpaid, and it is unfair to ask anyone to work for nothing."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. STREAMING MUSIC:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about streaming music. 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?

*pop star / 1989 / disagree / streaming / free / trial / artists / three months / greedy / criticism / writers / unfair / generous / successful / incredible / unpaid / nothing*

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

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

	Good	Bad
Streaming		
CD		
Radio		
YouTube		
Record		
MP3 player		

**4. STREAMING:** Students A **strongly** believe streaming music is better than buying songs and albums; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

- pop
- classical
- rock 'n' roll
- jazz
- soul
- country
- folk
- hip-hop

**6. FREE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "free". 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/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. The new Taylor Swift album is called '1998'.                          | T / F |
| b. Taylor Swift is not happy at Apple Music giving away music for free.  | T / F |
| c. There is a three-month free trial with Apple Music.                   | T / F |
| d. Taylor Swift asked Apple to give her a free iPhone.                   | T / F |
| e. Taylor Swift wrote a letter to Apple.                                 | T / F |
| f. Taylor Swift said it was very like Apple to put money first.          | T / F |
| g. Taylor Swift called Apple a progressive and generous company.         | T / F |
| h. Taylor Swift said she was happy to work for three months without pay. | T / F |

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

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. removed      | a. time           |
| 2. initial      | b. disapproval    |
| 3. period       | c. payment        |
| 4. provide      | d. additionally   |
| 5. compensation | e. advanced       |
| 6. further      | f. took away      |
| 7. criticism    | g. amazing        |
| 8. added        | h. supply         |
| 9. progressive  | i. went on to say |
| 10. incredible  | j. beginning      |

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

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The 25-year-old singer-        | a. away for free       |
| 2. giving her music               | b. so "unfair"         |
| 3. Anyone can sign                | c. no compensation     |
| 4. After the initial trial        | d. go unpaid           |
| 5. provide you with our music for | e. to work for nothing |
| 6. I'm not sure you               | f. period              |
| 7. it was very unlike Apple to be | g. songwriter          |
| 8. astronomically                 | h. know that           |
| 9. Three months is a long time to | i. up for a free trial |
| 10. unfair to ask anyone          | j. successful          |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

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*wrong*  
*trial*  
*fee*  
*away*  
*removed*  
*compensation*  
*initial*  
*greedy*

Swift further outlined her (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of Apple Music in her letter. She wrote: "I'm not sure you know that Apple Music will not be (10) \_\_\_\_\_ writers, producers, or artists for those three months." She added that it was very (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Apple to be so "unfair," saying: "I find it to be shocking, disappointing, and completely unlike this historically progressive and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ company." She told people that Apple had the money to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ artists for the three months. She said: "We know how astronomically (14) \_\_\_\_\_ Apple has been and we know that this incredible company has the money to pay artists....Three months is a long time to go (15) \_\_\_\_\_, and it is unfair to ask anyone to work for (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*successful*  
*unlike*  
*paying*  
*nothing*  
*generous*  
*unpaid*  
*criticism*  
*pay*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

- 1) she disagrees with the way Apple is giving her music \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. away for free
  - b. away for freeze
  - c. away for frees
  - d. away for flee
- 2) Anyone can sign up for a free trial and get the first three months \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with not paying
  - b. within paying
  - c. with out-paying
  - d. without paying
- 3) After the initial trial period, subscribers will pay a monthly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. feel of \$9.99
  - b. free of \$9.99
  - c. fee of \$9.99
  - d. feed of \$9.99
- 4) She wrote an open letter suggesting that Apple was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be in greedy
  - b. been greedy
  - c. bean greedy
  - d. being greedy
- 5) Please don't ask us to provide you with our music \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for not compensation
  - b. for no compensation
  - c. for non-compensation
  - d. for know compensation
- 6) Apple Music will not be paying writers, producers, or artists for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. these three months
  - b. this three months
  - c. throws three months
  - d. those three months
- 7) She added that it was very unlike Apple to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be so "unfair"
  - b. be such "unfair"
  - c. be slow "unfair"
  - d. be show "unfair"
- 8) She told people that Apple had the money to pay artists for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the three months
  - b. them three months
  - c. these three months
  - d. then three months
- 9) we know that this incredible company has the money \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to pay artists
  - b. to pays artists
  - c. to paid artists
  - d. to play artists
- 10) Three months is a long time to go unpaid, and it is unfair to ask anyone to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. work from nothing
  - b. work for nothing
  - c. work four nothing
  - d. work far nothing

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

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Swift further outlined (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Apple Music in her letter. She wrote: "I'm not sure you know that Apple Music will not be paying writers, producers, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ three months." She added that it was very unlike Apple to be so "unfair," saying: "I find it to be shocking, disappointing, and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ historically progressive and generous company." She told people that Apple had the money (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the three months. She said: "We know how astronomically successful Apple has been and we know that this incredible company has the (11) \_\_\_\_\_....Three months is a long time to go unpaid, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone to work for nothing."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

1. What was the name of the album Taylor Swift removed?

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2. When does Apple Music start?

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3. For how long is the free trial?

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4. How much will subscribers pay each month?

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5. What did Taylor Swift suggest was being in her open letter?

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6. What did Swift additionally outline in her letter?

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7. Who else did Swift say Apple Music would not pay in addition to artists?

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8. What did Swift say it was unlike Apple to be?

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9. How successful did Taylor Swift say Apple was?

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10. What did Swift say was a long time to go without?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

1. What was the name of the album Taylor Swift removed?
  - a) 1989
  - b) Taylor Swift's Greatest Hits
  - c) Taylor
  - d) 1998
2. When does Apple Music start?
  - a) August 30th
  - b) July 30th
  - c) June 30th
  - d) September 30th
3. For how long is the free trial?
  - a) three weeks
  - b) four weeks
  - c) four months
  - d) three months
4. How much will subscribers pay each month?
  - a) \$19.99
  - b) \$9.99
  - c) \$12.99
  - d) \$14.99
5. What did Taylor Swift suggest was being in her open letter?
  - a) greedy
  - b) rich
  - c) historic
  - d) shocking
6. What did Swift additionally outline in her letter?
  - a) the Apple apple
  - b) the idea for her next album
  - c) a new song
  - d) her criticism
7. Who else did Swift say Apple Music would not pay in addition to artists?
  - a) Apple Music employees
  - b) Lady Gaga and Shakira
  - c) writers and producers
  - d) songwriters
8. What did Swift say it was unlike Apple to be?
  - a) sweet
  - b) unfair
  - c) generous
  - d) fruity
9. How successful did Taylor Swift say Apple was?
  - a) fairly
  - b) pretty
  - c) astronomically
  - d) incomprehensibly
10. What did Swift say was a long time to go without?
  - a) an iPhone
  - b) being unpaid for three months
  - c) being without music
  - d) working for three months

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

## **Role A – Pop**

You think pop is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their genres aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, jazz or hip-hop.

## **Role B – Classical**

You think classical is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their genres aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pop, jazz or hip-hop.

## **Role C – Jazz**

You think jazz is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their genres aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, pop or hip-hop.

## **Role D – Hip-hop**

You think hip-hop is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their genres aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, jazz or pop.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

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

<b>apple</b>	<b>music</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>• best</li><li>• way</li><li>• first</li><li>• initial</li><li>• greedy</li><li>• ask</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sure</li><li>• unfair</li><li>• generous</li><li>• pay</li><li>• know</li><li>• nothing</li></ul>
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# STREAMING MUSIC SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

Write five GOOD questions about streaming 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.

# STREAMING MUSIC DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'music'?
- 3) How important is music to you?
- 4) What do you think of downloading or streaming music?
- 5) Is streaming music better than buying songs or albums?
- 6) What do you know about Taylor Swift?
- 7) What do you know about Apple Music?
- 8) What do you think of the monthly \$9.99 price for Apple Music?
- 9) Do you think Apple is being greedy?
- 10) Should Apple pay artists for the trial period?

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# STREAMING MUSIC 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 the company Apple?
- 13) How unfair do you think Apple is being?
- 14) How is it best to listen to music?
- 15) Why is Apple such a successful company?
- 16) Is Taylor Swift really going three months unpaid?
- 17) How successful do you think Apple Music will be?
- 18) Would you ever work for nothing?
- 19) What advice do you have for Taylor Swift?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Apple's boss?

# 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/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

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

- |     |                |                |              |                |
|-----|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) removal    | (b) removing   | (c) removes  | (d) removed    |
| 2.  | (a) why        | (b) which      | (c) how      | (d) way        |
| 3.  | (a) from       | (b) for        | (c) far      | (d) of         |
| 4.  | (a) to         | (b) of         | (c) up       | (d) away       |
| 5.  | (a) initially  | (b) initialise | (c) initial  | (d) initialled |
| 6.  | (a) no         | (b) the        | (c) free     | (d) non-       |
| 7.  | (a) future     | (b) further    | (c) father   | (d) farther    |
| 8.  | (a) paying     | (b) paid       | (c) pays     | (d) payment    |
| 9.  | (a) locate     | (b) find       | (c) search   | (d) seek       |
| 10. | (a) generosity | (b) gregarious | (c) generous | (d) generals   |
| 11. | (a) now        | (b) wow        | (c) how      | (d) bow        |
| 12. | (a) of         | (b) far        | (c) from     | (d) for        |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. odveemr her best-selling album
2. she gaidress
3. Apple's new music streaming evcsrie
4. Anyone can sign up for a free tilra
5. srbcbiresus will pay a monthly fee
6. being eeygdr

## Paragraph 2

7. her csirictmi of Apple Music
8. paying writers, orsupdrec, or artists
9. tmlypleoce unlike this
10. uonegser company
11. how astronomically cessslufcu Apple has been
12. this nlecribedi company



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

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

- ( ) don't ask us to provide you with our music for no compensation."
- ( ) artists for the three months. She said: "We know how astronomically
- ( ) three months without paying. Swift says this is wrong and that Apple should pay artists for these three months. After the
- ( ) Swift further outlined her criticism of Apple Music in her letter. She wrote: "I'm not sure
- ( ) very unlike Apple to be so "unfair," saying: "I find it to be shocking, disappointing, and completely
- ( ) open letter suggesting that Apple was being greedy. She said: "We don't ask [Apple] for free iPhones. Please
- ( ) old singer-songwriter said she disagrees with the way Apple is giving her music away for free. Apple Music is Apple's
- ( ) unlike this historically progressive and generous company." She told people that Apple had the money to pay
- ( ) you know that Apple Music will not be paying writers, producers, or artists for those three months." She added that it was
- ( ) long time to go unpaid, and it is unfair to ask anyone to work for nothing."
- ( ) successful Apple has been and we know that this incredible company has the money to pay artists....Three months is a
- ( ) initial trial period, subscribers will pay a monthly fee of \$9.99. She wrote an
- ( **1** ) The U.S. pop star Taylor Swift has removed her best-selling album '1989' from Apple Music. The 25-year-
- ( ) new music streaming service that starts on June 30th. Anyone can sign up for a free trial and get the first

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

1. away music her giving is Apple way the with disagrees She .

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2. can free sign trial up for Anyone a .

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3. initial a subscribers trial After monthly will period the fee pay , .

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4. letter Apple greedy open that being An suggesting was .

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5. compensation our music Provide for you no with .

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6. be was . to it "unfair" Apple that unlike added so very She

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7. artists pay to money the had Apple months three the for .

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8. been astronomically successful We Apple know has how .

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9. that know We pay to money the has company incredible this .

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10. unfair to ask anyone to work for nothing It is .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

The U.S. pop star Taylor Swift has *removed / removal* her best-selling album '1989' from Apple Music. The 25-year-old singer-songwriter said she *disagreement / disagrees* with the way Apple is *giving / given* her music away for free. Apple Music is Apple's *new / news* music streaming service that starts on June 30th. Anyone can sign *down / up* for a free trial and get the first three months without *paid / paying*. Swift says this is wrong and that Apple should *pay / paid* artists for these three months. After the *initially / initial* trial period, subscribers will pay a *month / monthly* fee of \$9.99. She wrote an open letter suggesting that Apple was being greedy. She said: "We don't ask [Apple] for free iPhones. Please don't ask us to provide you with our music for *no / not* compensation."

Swift further outlined her *critics / criticism* of Apple Music in her letter. She wrote: "I'm not sure you know that Apple Music will not be paying writers, producers, or artists for *those / them* three months." She *addition / added* that it was very unlike Apple to be *such / so* "unfair," saying: "I find it to be shocking, *disappointing / disappointed*, and completely unlike this historically progressive and *generals / generous* company." She told people that Apple had the money to pay artists *for / from* the three months. She said: "We know *how / now* astronomically successful Apple has been and we know that this incredible company has the money *for / to* pay artists....Three months is a long time to go unpaid, and it is unfair to ask anyone to work for nothing / something."

**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/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

Th\_ \_ .S. p\_p st\_r T\_yl\_r Sw\_ft h\_s r\_m\_v\_d h\_r b\_st-  
s\_ll\_ng \_lb\_m '1989' fr\_m \_ppl\_ M\_s\_c. Th\_ 25-y\_\_r-\_ld  
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thr\_\_ m\_nths. \_ft\_r th\_ \_n\_t\_\_l tr\_\_l p\_r\_\_d,  
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\_n \_p\_n l\_tt\_r s\_gg\_st\_ng th\_t \_ppl\_ w\_s b\_\_ng  
gr\_\_dy. Sh\_ s\_\_d: "W\_ d\_n't \_sk [\_ppl\_] f\_r fr\_\_  
\_Ph\_n\_s. Pl\_\_s\_ d\_n't \_sk \_s\_t\_ pr\_v\_d\_ y\_\_ w\_th \_\_r  
m\_s\_c f\_r n\_ c\_mp\_ns\_t\_\_n."

Sw\_ft f\_rth\_r \_\_tl\_n\_d h\_r cr\_t\_c\_sm \_f \_ppl\_ M\_s\_c  
\_n h\_r l\_tt\_r. Sh\_ wr\_t\_ : "'m n\_t s\_r\_ y\_\_ kn\_w th\_t  
\_ppl\_ M\_s\_c w\_ll n\_t b\_ p\_y\_ng wr\_t\_rs, pr\_d\_c\_rs, \_r  
\_rt\_sts f\_r th\_s\_ thr\_\_ m\_nths." Sh\_ \_dd\_d th\_t \_t w\_s  
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\_t t\_ b\_ sh\_ck\_ng, d\_s\_pp\_\_nt\_ng, \_nd c\_mpl\_t\_ly  
\_nl\_k\_ th\_s h\_st\_r\_c\_lly pr\_gr\_ss\_v\_ \_nd g\_n\_r\_\_s  
c\_mp\_ny." Sh\_ t\_ld p\_\_pl\_ th\_t \_ppl\_ h\_d th\_ m\_n\_y t\_  
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\_np\_\_d, \_nd \_t\_s \_nf\_\_r t\_ \_sk \_ny\_n\_ t\_ w\_rk f\_r  
n\_th\_ng."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150624-taylor-swift.html>

the us pop star taylor swift has removed her best-selling album '1989' from apple music the 25-year-old singer-songwriter said she disagrees with the way apple is giving her music away for free apple music is apple's new music streaming service that starts on june 30th anyone can sign up for a free trial and get the first three months without paying swift says this is wrong and that apple should pay artists for these three months after the initial trial period subscribers will pay a monthly fee of \$999 she wrote an open letter suggesting that apple was being greedy she said "we don't ask [apple] for free iphones please don't ask us to provide you with our music for no compensation"

swift further outlined her criticism of apple music in her letter she wrote "i'm not sure you know that apple music will not be paying writers producers or artists for those three months" she added that it was very unlike apple to be so "unfair" saying "i find it to be shocking disappointing and completely unlike this historically progressive and generous company" she told people that apple had the money to pay artists for the three months she said "we know how astronomically successful apple has been and we know that this incredible company has the money to pay artists...three months is a long time to go unpaid and it is unfair to ask anyone to work for nothing"

# 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 streaming music. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. APPLE MUSIC:** Write a magazine article about whether Apple Music should pay Taylor Swift. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 streaming music. Ask him/her three questions about streaming music. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make streaming better. 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 F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. removed      | a. took away      |
| 2. initial      | b. beginning      |
| 3. period       | c. time           |
| 4. provide      | d. supply         |
| 5. compensation | e. payment        |
| 6. further      | f. additionally   |
| 7. criticism    | g. disapproval    |
| 8. added        | h. went on to say |
| 9. progressive  | i. advanced       |
| 10. incredible  | j. amazing        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 1989
- June 30th
- Three months
- \$9.99
- Greedy
- Her criticism of Apple
- Writers and producers
- Unfair
- Astronomically
- Being paid

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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