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Level 1 – 11th January 2024

Prince's 'Purple Rain' movie to become a musical

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The movie "Purple Rain" will become a New York musical. The film comes from the album "Purple Rain" made by Prince. He also starred in it. The producers of the new musical called the movie "legendary". It "took the world by storm in 1984". They added that the musical was a "fitting tribute to honour Prince and his legacy". They said: "We can't wait for a new generation to discover 'Purple Rain' and...to experience its power."

"Purple Rain" won an Oscar for Best Original Song Score. Critics say it is one of the greatest musical films. It spent 24 weeks at number one in the USA music chart. The movie is about a singer and guitarist who wanted to be famous. It shows his home life, his battles with his musical rivals, and a new romance. Prince died in 2016. He sold over 100 million records worldwide. He is one of the best-selling music artists ever.

Sources: <https://variety.com/2024/legit/news/prince-movie-purple-rain-stage-musical-branden-jacobs-jenkins-1235863878/>
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2024/jan/08/prince-purple-rain-broadway-musical-branden-jacobs-jenkins>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_Rain_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_Rain_(film))

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. "Purple Rain" will become | a. tribute |
| 2. He also starred | b. of the new musical |
| 3. The producers | c. a New York musical |
| 4. It took the world by | d. his legacy |
| 5. the musical was a fitting | e. power |
| 6. honour Prince and | f. storm in 1984 |
| 7. We can't | g. in it |
| 8. experience its | h. wait |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. "Purple Rain" won | a. musical films |
| 2. Critics say it is one of the greatest | b. romance |
| 3. It spent 24 weeks at number one in | c. music artists ever |
| 4. his battles with his | d. an Oscar |
| 5. a new | e. worldwide |
| 6. Prince died | f. musical rivals |
| 7. He sold over 100 million records | g. the USA music chart |
| 8. He is one of the best-selling | h. in 2016 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The movie "Purple Rain" (1) _____ New York musical. The film comes (2) _____ "Purple Rain" made by Prince. He also starred in it. The producers of the new musical called (3) _____. It "took the world by storm in 1984". They added that the musical was (4) _____ to honour Prince and his legacy". They said: "We can't wait for (5) _____ to discover 'Purple Rain' and...to (6) _____."

"Purple Rain" won (7) _____ Best Original Song Score. Critics say it is (8) _____ greatest musical films. It spent 24 weeks at number one in the USA music chart. The movie is about a singer and guitarist (9) _____ be famous. It shows his home life, (10) _____ his musical rivals, and (11) _____. Prince died in 2016. He sold over 100 million records worldwide. He is one of the best-selling (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MUSICALS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240111-purple-rain-prince-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about musicals 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) _____

