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Level 2

Rock superstar Prince dies at 57

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THE READING

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The rock star Prince has died at the age of 57. He passed away at his home in Minneapolis. Last week, his plane made an emergency landing to take him to hospital. He had dehydration and the flu. His death has shocked the entertainment world. Many celebrities have shared their thoughts about him online. Madonna wrote: "He changed the world. A true visionary." Barack Obama called him, "one of the most gifted and prolific musicians of our time". He added that: "Prince...was a virtuoso instrumentalist, a brilliant bandleader, and an electrifying performer."

Prince was the son of a jazz pianist. His real name was Prince Rogers Nelson. He became famous in the late seventies. His singing, songwriting, guitar playing, performances and producing changed the music world over four decades. The Washington Post called him, "one of the most popular, inventive and influential recording artists of his generation". Prince sold over 100 million records. He is perhaps best known for his 1984 album 'Purple Rain'. The music magazine 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince at number 27 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The rock star Prince has died | a. landing |
| 2. He passed | b. and prolific musicians |
| 3. made an emergency | c. away at his home |
| 4. His death has shocked the | d. thoughts about him |
| 5. celebrities have shared their | e. instrumentalist |
| 6. A true | f. at the age of 57 |
| 7. one of the most gifted | g. visionary |
| 8. a virtuoso | h. entertainment world |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Prince was the son of a jazz | a. decades |
| 2. He became famous in the late | b. of All Time |
| 3. over four | c. known for his 1984 album |
| 4. influential recording artists of | d. seventies |
| 5. He is perhaps best | e. on its list |
| 6. Prince sold over | f. pianist |
| 7. at number 27 | g. 100 million records |
| 8. the 100 Greatest Artists | h. his generation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The rock star Prince has (1) _____ of 57. He passed away at his home in Minneapolis. Last week, his plane made an (2) _____ to take him to hospital. He had dehydration and the flu. His (3) _____ the entertainment world. Many celebrities have (4) _____ about him online. Madonna wrote: "He changed the world. A true visionary." Barack Obama called him, "one of the most (5) _____ musicians of our time". He added that: "Prince...was a virtuoso instrumentalist, a brilliant bandleader, (6) _____ performer."

Prince (7) _____ a jazz pianist. His real name was Prince Rogers Nelson. He became famous (8) _____ seventies. His singing, songwriting, guitar playing, performances and producing changed the music (9) _____ decades. The Washington Post called him, "one of the most popular, inventive and influential (10) _____ of his generation". Prince sold over 100 million records. He is perhaps best (11) _____ 1984 album 'Purple Rain'. The music magazine 'Rolling Stone' ranked Prince at number 27 on its list of the 100 (12) _____ of All Time.

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).

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