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## Level 3

### Kendrick Lamar wins Pulitzer Prize for music

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

The American rapper and songwriter Kendrick Lamar has become the first non-classical or jazz musician to win the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for music. The annual award is given to musicians who have created a "distinguished musical composition". Lamar won it for his album "DAMN". The 30-year-old Lamar wrote and rapped about the reality of life as a black man in the USA. He wrote songs like "Alright" and "The Blacker the Berry". These have become very well known since the police shootings of many black people in America. The Pulitzer board said the album was a "virtuosic song collection" that captured "the modern African-American life". Mr Lamar has not yet commented on his award.

The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in journalism, literature, and musical composition. It started in 1917 to honour news reporting. The first prize for musical composition was awarded in 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper to win the award and the most commercially successful musician to receive it. The prize is usually given to classical musicians. The Pulitzer committee said: "We are very proud of this selection. It means that...the best work was awarded a Pulitzer Prize." It added: "It shines a light on hip-hop in a completely different way." Sky News said: "Lamar has won...for his deep lyrical content...and his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, funk, poetry and African sounds."

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/kendrick-lamar-becomes-first-non-classical-or-jazz-musician-to-win-pulitzer-prize-11334352>  
<https://www.rollingstone.com/music/news/kendrick-lamars-pulitzer-win-is-just-the-beginning-w519246>  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/16/arts/music/kendrick-lamar-pulitzer-prize-damn.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. RAPPERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about rappers. 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?

rapper / songwriter / classical / jazz / reality / police / shootings / song collection / award / achievement / journalism / literature / musician / proud / hip-hop / poetry

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

**3. HIP-HOP:** Students A **strongly** believe hip-hop is more important than jazz; Students B **strongly** believe jazz is more important. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. AWARDS:** Who would you give these awards to and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who to?	Why?
Musician		
Actor		
Politician		
Business person		
Peace maker		
Athlete		

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

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

- hip-hop
- jazz
- soul
- funk
- classical
- country
- electro
- folk

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. musician    | a. A prize or honour given to someone for doing something great.                           |
| 2. prestigious | b. The world and life as it really is.   |
| 3. annual      | c. A person who plays a musical instrument, especially as a job, or is musically talented. |
| 4. award       | d. Said something about something or someone.  |
| 5. reality     | e. Having a high status.   |
| 6. captured    | f. Happening once every year.  |
| 7. commented   | g. Recorded or described well in words or pictures.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 8. achievements  | h. About the words of a popular song.  |
| 9. journalism    | i. A thing done successfully, usually by effort, courage, or skill.  |
| 10. commercially | j. The activity or job of writing for newspapers, magazines, or news websites or of preparing news.                          |
| 11. proud        | k. Totally.  |
| 12. completely   | l. Feeling very, very happy or satisfied because of something you did or have, or because of what someone you know well did. |
| 13. deep         | m. In a way that is about buying, selling, and making money.   |
| 14. lyrical      | n. Emotional thinking.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

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

- a. Kendrick Lamar is the first non-classical musician to win the prize. **T / F**
- b. Mr Lamar won the prize for one of his songs. **T / F**
- c. Police shootings in the USA made Lamar's songs better known. **T / F**
- d. Kendrick Lamar said he was very happy with the award. **T / F**
- e. The Pulitzer Prize is only for journalism and music composition. **T / F**
- f. The Pulitzer Prize for music started after the one for journalism. **T / F**
- g. The Pulitzer Prize committee was proud of its choice of winner. **T / F**
- h. A news channel said Lamar mixed rap with African sounds and jazz. **T / F**

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

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>musician</b>    | a. given        |
| 2. <b>prestigious</b> | b. spoken about |
| 3. <b>reality</b>     | c. selection    |
| 4. <b>collection</b>  | d. blend        |
| 5. <b>commented</b>   | e. leading      |
| 6. <b>literature</b>  | f. pleased      |
| 7. <b>awarded</b>     | g. performer    |
| 8. <b>proud</b>       | h. totally      |
| 9. <b>completely</b>  | i. truth        |
| 10. <b>mix</b>        | j. writing      |

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

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. the first non-classical or                   | a. of life as a black man |
| 2. created a distinguished musical              | b. lyrical content        |
| 3. Lamar wrote and rapped about the reality     | c. on his award           |
| 4. captured the modern African-American         | d. classical musicians    |
| 5. Mr Lamar has not yet commented               | e. musician to receive it |
| 6. an award for achievements                    | f. jazz musician to win   |
| 7. the most commercially successful             | g. different way          |
| 8. The prize is usually given to                | h. life                   |
| 9. It shines a light on hip-hop in a completely | i. in journalism          |
| 10. Lamar has won for his deep                  | j. composition            |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

The American rapper and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Kendrick Lamar has become the first non-(2) \_\_\_\_\_ or jazz musician to win the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for music. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ award is given to musicians who have created a "distinguished musical composition". Lamar won it for his (4) \_\_\_\_\_ "DAMN". The 30-year-old Lamar wrote and rapped about the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of life as a black man in the USA. He wrote songs like "Alright" and "The Blacker the Berry". These have become very well known (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the police shootings of many black people in America. The Pulitzer board said the album was a "virtuosic song (7) \_\_\_\_\_ " that captured "the modern African-American life". Mr Lamar has not (8) \_\_\_\_\_ commented on his award.

*classical*  
*reality*  
*collection*  
*songwriter*  
*yet*  
*album*  
*annual*  
*since*

The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in journalism, (9) \_\_\_\_\_, and musical composition. It started in 1917 to honour news reporting. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ prize for musical composition was awarded in 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper to win the award and the most commercially (11) \_\_\_\_\_ musician to receive it. The prize is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ given to classical musicians. The Pulitzer committee said: "We are very (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of this selection. It means that...the best work was awarded a Pulitzer Prize." It added: "It shines a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ on hip-hop in a completely different way." Sky News said: "Lamar has won...for his (15) \_\_\_\_\_ lyrical content...and his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, funk, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ and African sounds."

*usually*  
*first*  
*deep*  
*literature*  
*poetry*  
*proud*  
*successful*  
*light*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

- 1) the first non-classical or jazz musician to \_\_\_\_\_ Pulitzer Prize
  - a. wind the prestigious
  - b. wins the prestigious
  - c. win the prestigious
  - d. whine the prestigious
- 2) The 30-year-old Lamar wrote and rapped about the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. realty of life
  - b. reality of life
  - c. royalty of life
  - d. regality of life
- 3) These have become very well known since the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. police shoot-ins
  - b. police shootings
  - c. policy shootings
  - d. policy shoot-ins
- 4) the album was a "virtuosic song collection" that captured "the modern \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. African-American live
  - b. African-American rife
  - c. African-American life
  - d. African-American alive
- 5) Mr Lamar has not yet commented \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in his award
  - b. of his award
  - c. on his award
  - d. oh his award
- 6) an award for achievements in journalism, literature, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. musical composition
  - b. musicals composition
  - c. musically composition
  - d. musicality composition
- 7) the most commercially successful musician \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to receive it
  - b. to receives it
  - c. to received it
  - d. to receiving it
- 8) It shines a light on hip-hop in a completely \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. difference way
  - b. different way
  - c. differential way
  - d. differentiate way
- 9) Lamar has won...for his deep \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lyre recall content
  - b. lyric all content
  - c. lyre a call content
  - d. lyrical content
- 10) his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, funk, \_\_\_\_\_ sounds
  - a. poetical and African
  - b. poetry and African
  - c. poet try and African
  - d. poet array and African

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

The American (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Kendrick Lamar has become the first non-classical or jazz musician (2) \_\_\_\_\_ prestigious Pulitzer Prize for music. The annual award is given to musicians who (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "distinguished musical composition". Lamar won it for his album "DAMN". The 30-year-old Lamar wrote and rapped about the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ as a black man in the USA. He wrote songs like "Alright" and "The Blacker the Berry". These have become very well known (5) \_\_\_\_\_ shootings of many black people in America. The Pulitzer board said the album was a "virtuosic song collection" that captured "the modern African-American life". Mr Lamar has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on his award.

The Pulitzer Prize is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ achievements in journalism, literature, and musical composition. It started in 1917 to honour news reporting. The first prize for musical composition (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper to win the award and the most commercially successful musician (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The prize is usually given to classical musicians. The Pulitzer committee said: "We are very (10) \_\_\_\_\_ selection. It means that...the best work was awarded a Pulitzer Prize." It added: "It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on hip-hop in a completely different way." Sky News said: "Lamar has won...for his deep lyrical content...and his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, funk, poetry (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

1. What other music genre has won the award besides classical and rap?
2. What is the name of the album that won the prize?
3. How old is Kendrick Lamar?
4. What made the album more well known?
5. What did Kendrick Lamar say about the award?
6. When did the Pulitzer Prize for journalism begin?
7. When did the Pulitzer Prize for music begin?
8. Who is the prize usually given to?
9. What did the committee say the prize shone on hip-hop?
10. What kind of lyrical content did Sky News say Lamar wrote?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

- 1) What other music genre has won the award besides classical and rap?
  - a) world music
  - b) jazz
  - c) opera
  - d) folk
- 2) What is the name of the album that won the prize?
  - a) DAME
  - b) DARN
  - c) MAD
  - d) DAMN
- 3) How old is Kendrick Lamar?
  - a) 30
  - b) 31
  - c) 32
  - d) 33
- 4) What made the album more well known?
  - a) a viral campaign
  - b) Internet news
  - c) police shootings
  - d) a TV show
- 5) What did Kendrick Lamar say about the award?
  - a) "Thank you"
  - b) nothing yet
  - c) "I'm so happy"
  - d) "I'm speechless"
- 6) When did the Pulitzer Prize for journalism begin?
  - a) 1917
  - b) 1719
  - c) 1971
  - d) 1197
- 7) When did the Pulitzer Prize for music begin?
  - a) 1941
  - b) 1942
  - c) 1943
  - d) 1940
- 8) Who is the prize usually given to?
  - a) classical musicians
  - b) composers
  - c) conductors
  - d) pianists
- 9) What did the committee say the prize shone on hip-hop?
  - a) a light
  - b) a shadow
  - c) a sunbeam
  - d) moonlight
- 10) What kind of lyrical content did Sky News say Lamar wrote?
  - a) emotional lyrical content
  - b) novel lyrical content
  - c) original lyrical content
  - d) deep lyrical content

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

## **Role A – Hip-Hop**

You think hip-hop is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of music. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): jazz, classical or folk.

## **Role B – Jazz**

You think jazz is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of music. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hip-hop, classical or folk.

## **Role C – Classical**

You think classical is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of music. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): jazz, hip-hop or folk.

## **Role D – Folk**

You think folk is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of music. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): jazz, classical or hip-hop.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

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

<b>jazz</b>	<b>rap</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>• non</li><li>• annual</li><li>• rapped</li><li>• since</li><li>• collection</li><li>• yet</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• literature</li><li>• 1917</li><li>• most</li><li>• proud</li><li>• light</li><li>• spoken</li></ul>
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# RAPPERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

Write five GOOD questions about rappers 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.

# RAPPERS 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 'rapper'?
3. What do you know about Kendrick Lamar?
4. How important is it to hip-hop that a rapper got this award?
5. What do you think of rap?
6. How good is this album to beat all other kinds of music?
7. What do you think about what Mr Lamar raps about?
8. Should all music be about real life and important issues?
9. What do you know about police shootings in America?
10. Would you like to listen to the album?

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# RAPPERS 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 'songwriter'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Who do you think should get a music award?
15. Is classical music better than rap music?
16. How does hip-hop influence your country's culture?
17. What are the similarities between rap and poetry?
18. How important are deep lyrics?
19. Who is the best rapper in history?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Lamar?

## **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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

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The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements (7) \_\_\_\_\_ journalism, literature, and musical composition. It started in 1917 to honour news reporting. The first prize for musical composition was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper to win the award and the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ commercially successful musician to receive it. The prize is usually given to classical musicians. The Pulitzer committee said: "We are very (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of this selection. It means that...the best work was awarded a Pulitzer Prize." It added: "It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a light on hip-hop in a completely different way." Sky News said: "Lamar has won...for his deep lyrical content...and his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, funk, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and African sounds."

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

- |     |             |            |             |                |
|-----|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) frost   | (b) fist   | (c) fast    | (d) first      |
| 2.  | (a) giving  | (b) gives  | (c) gave    | (d) given      |
| 3.  | (a) of      | (b) for    | (c) by      | (d) at         |
| 4.  | (a) really  | (b) real   | (c) reality | (d) realize    |
| 5.  | (a) since   | (b) as     | (c) for     | (d) on         |
| 6.  | (a) life    | (b) live   | (c) living  | (d) liver      |
| 7.  | (a) to      | (b) at     | (c) on      | (d) in         |
| 8.  | (a) awarded | (b) awards | (c) award   | (d) awarding   |
| 9.  | (a) must    | (b) most   | (c) mist    | (d) mast       |
| 10. | (a) pride   | (b) prod   | (c) proud   | (d) proudly    |
| 11. | (a) shining | (b) shiny  | (c) shines  | (d) shiner     |
| 12. | (a) poetic  | (b) poetry | (c) poem    | (d) poetically |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The American rapper and nserwrtgoi
2. The alnaun award
3. the ityrlea of life as a black man
4. since the police isotsnogh
5. urecpatd "the modern African-American life
6. Mr Lamar has not yet mcementod

## Paragraph 2

7. journalism, ertuialtre, and musical composition
8. the most commercially euulscscfs
9. usually given to acacslsi musicians
10. We are very proud of this ioletnsce
11. in a yecploemlt different way
12. funk, teoyrp and African sounds

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

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

- ( ) The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in journalism, literature, and musical composition. It started
- ( ) selection. It means that...the best work was awarded a Pulitzer Prize." It added: "It shines a light on hip-hop in a completely
- ( ) collection" that captured "the modern African-American life". Mr Lamar has not yet commented on his award.
- ( ) win the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for music. The annual award is given to musicians who have
- ( ) created a "distinguished musical composition". Lamar won it for his album "DAMN". The 30-year-old Lamar
- ( ) in 1917 to honour news reporting. The first prize for musical composition was awarded in 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first
- ( ) given to classical musicians. The Pulitzer committee said: "We are very proud of this
- ( **1** ) The American rapper and songwriter Kendrick Lamar has become the first non-classical or jazz musician to
- ( ) rapper to win the award and the most commercially successful musician to receive it. The prize is usually
- ( ) of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, funk, poetry and African sounds."
- ( ) shootings of many black people in America. The Pulitzer board said the album was a "virtuosic song
- ( ) "Alright" and "The Blacker the Berry". These have become very well known since the police
- ( ) different way." Sky News said: "Lamar has won...for his deep lyrical content...and his profound mix
- ( ) wrote and rapped about the reality of life as a black man in the USA. He wrote songs like

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

1. to first non-classical The musician win .
2. distinguished who composition . have musical created a Musicians
3. man . a black life of reality The as
4. have since shootings . known become well the These
5. commented has not Lamar his award . on yet
6. started reporting . in to honour It 1917 news
7. is win the Lamar first the award . to rapper
8. to usually prize given classical musicians . is The
9. It on light a hip-hop . shines
10. deep won content . for lyrical has Lamar his

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180420-kendrick-lamar.html>

The American rapper and songwriter Kendrick Lamar has *became / become* the *first / firstly* non-classical or jazz musician to win the *prestige / prestigious* Pulitzer Prize for music. The annual award is given *to / at* musicians who have created a "distinguished musical *composer / composition*". Lamar won it for his album "DAMN". The 30-year-old Lamar wrote and rapped about the *reality / real* of life as a black man in the USA. He wrote songs like "Alright" and "The Blacker the Berry". These have become very well *knowing / known* since the police *shootings / shoots* of many black people in America. The Pulitzer board said the album was a "virtuosic *sing / song* collection" that captured "the modern African-American life". Mr Lamar has not yet commented *on / in* his award.

The Pulitzer Prize is an award *for / to* achievements in journalism, literature, and musical composition. It started in 1917 to honour news *report / reporting*. The first prize for musical composition was *awarded / awarding* in 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper to win the award and the *most / most* commercially successful *musical / musician* to receive it. The prize is usually given to classical musicians. The Pulitzer committee said: "We are very *pride / proud* of this selection. It means that...the best work was awarded a Pulitzer Prize." It added: "It *shines / shining* a light on hip-hop in a completely different *weigh / way*." Sky News said: "Lamar has won...for his deep lyrical *contain / content*...and his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, funk, *poetry / poem* and African sounds."

**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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f\_n\_k, p\_\_ t\_r\_y \_n d A\_f\_r\_c\_n s\_\_ n\_d\_s. "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

**3. KENDRICK LAMAR:** Make a poster about Kendrick Lamar. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. RAPPERS:** Write a magazine article about rappers and their influence on society. Include imaginary interviews with people who think rap is great and with people who don't think it is great.

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 rap. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on rap. 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 F    c T    d F    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. musician    | a. performer    |
| 2. prestigious | b. leading      |
| 3. reality     | c. truth        |
| 4. collection  | d. selection    |
| 5. commented   | e. spoken about |
| 6. literature  | f. writing      |
| 7. awarded     | g. given        |
| 8. proud       | h. pleased      |
| 9. completely  | i. totally      |
| 10. mix        | j. blend        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Jazz
2. DAMN
3. 30
4. Police shootings
5. Nothing yet
6. 1917
7. 1943
8. Classical musicians
9. A light
10. Deep lyrical content

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The first non-classical musician to win.
2. Musicians who have created a distinguished musical composition.
3. The reality of life as a black man.
4. These have become well known since the shootings.
5. Lamar has not yet commented on his award.
6. It started in 1917 to honour news reporting.
7. Lamar is the first rapper to win the award.
8. The prize is usually given to classical musicians.
9. It shines a light on hip-hop.
10. Lamar has won for his deep lyrical content.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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