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Level 2 – 8th February 2024

Taylor Swift makes history with fourth best album win

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Taylor Swift has made history. The singer-songwriter is the first artist to win best album at the Grammys four times. The Grammys are for outstanding achievements in music. Ms Swift won for her album "Midnights". It means she overtook singing legends like Stevie Wonder. In her speech, she said: "I would love to tell you that this is the best moment of my life, but I feel this happy when I finish a song...or when I'm rehearsing with my dancers...or getting ready to go to Tokyo to play a show." She added: "All I wanna do is...this. I love it so much. It makes me so happy."

Taylor Swift began writing songs professionally at the age of 14. In 2005, she became a country singer. Since then, she has experimented with a variety of music styles. She has moved from country, to rock, electronic, synth-pop and hip-hop. She is now the world's biggest music star and has sold over 200 million records. A movie of her 2023 tour "Eras" is the best-selling concert film ever. She is also a huge influencer and is on Forbes magazine's list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women. Wikipedia says Swift is "an advocate for artists' rights and women's empowerment".

Sources: <https://www.grammy.com/news/taylor-swift-album-of-the-year-2024-grammys-speech>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. outstanding | a. my dancers |
| 2. Ms Swift won | b. legends |
| 3. she overtook singing | c. so much |
| 4. the best moment | d. for her album |
| 5. when I'm rehearsing with | e. me so happy |
| 6. All I wanna | f. of my life |
| 7. I love it | g. achievements |
| 8. It makes | h. do is...this |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. writing songs | a. biggest music star |
| 2. at the age | b. country singer |
| 3. she became a | c. rights |
| 4. experimented with variety | d. professionally |
| 5. the world's | e. a huge influencer |
| 6. the best-selling concert | f. of 14 |
| 7. She is also | g. film ever |
| 8. an advocate for artists' | h. of music |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Taylor Swift (1) _____. The singer-songwriter is the first artist to win (2) _____ the Grammys four times. The Grammys are for outstanding achievements in music. Ms Swift won for her album "Midnights". It (3) _____ singing legends like Stevie Wonder. In her speech, she said: "I would (4) _____ you that this is the best moment of my life, but I feel this happy when I finish a song...or when I'm (5) _____ dancers...or getting ready to go to Tokyo to play a show." She added: "All I wanna do is...this. I love it so much. It makes (6) _____."

Taylor Swift (7) _____ professionally at the age of 14. In 2005, she became a country singer. Since then, she has experimented with (8) _____ music styles. She has moved from country, (9) _____, synth-pop and hip-hop. She is now the world's biggest music star and (10) _____ 200 million records. A movie of her 2023 tour "Eras" is the best-selling concert film ever. She is also a huge influencer and is on Forbes magazine's (11) _____ World's 100 Most Powerful Women. Wikipedia says Swift is "an (12) _____ rights and women's empowerment".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TAYLOR SWIFT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Taylor Swift 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) _____

