

One Direction's movie premieres in London

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The British boy band One Direction created a frenzy in the heart of London when thousands of adoring fans turned up to see their heart-throbs

at the premiere of their first movie, "This Is Us". Some die-hard fans had been camping in London's Leicester Square for three days for the chance to catch a glimpse of the band. The first 200 fans were guaranteed tickets for a front-row, red-carpet experience. Event organisers encouraged many fans to go home and watch the premiere live. They said: "We would like to remind fans that the red carpet is being streamed live all over the world, so they can get the best views from the comfort of their own homes."

The scenes in central London were reminiscent of the hysteria surrounding the Beatles in the 1960s. The movie's director, Morgan Spurlock, told reporters: "This is probably the closest I'll get in my whole lifetime to seeing anything similar to Beatlemania....I just think it's remarkable." He added that the scenes were the same the world over: "It isn't just a British or an American phenomenon. Wherever they go they are chased by hordes of fans. We were in Mexico City and there were 5,000 people camping outside the hotel. This is such a massive global phenomenon and it's only growing." They even beat the Beatles by becoming the first UK group to have their debut single get to number one in the US charts.

Sources: *Daily Mirror* / *The Guardian* / *Sky News*

Writing

One Direction is one of the world's greatest bands. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

boy band / frenzy / heart-throbs / movie premiere / camping / glimpse / front row / red carpet / fans / hysteria / movie director / remarkable / phenomenon / massive / debut single / the Beatles

True / False

- a) Millions of fans went to London to see One Direction. T / F
- b) Some fans started camping three days before the premiere. T / F
- c) The first 2,000 fans got tickets for the red carpet. T / F
- d) Event organisers encouraged more fans to attend. T / F
- e) London looked like the 1960s with the popularity of the Beatles. T / F
- f) Scenes like those at the premiere only happen in England. T / F
- g) 5,000 fans camped outside One Direction's hotel in Mexico. T / F
- h) One Direction is the first UK band to debut at the top of the US charts. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. band | a. luxury |
| 2. frenzy | b. sight |
| 3. glimpse | c. extraordinary |
| 4. guaranteed | d. hysteria |
| 5. comfort | e. huge |
| 6. reminiscent | f. group |
| 7. remarkable | g. similar to |
| 8. hordes | h. situation |
| 9. phenomenon | i. promised |
| 10. massive | j. packs |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about One Direction?
- b) Why are One Direction so popular?
- c) Are boy bands the best?
- d) Would you wait overnight to see your favourite singer / band?
- e) Are you a die-hard fan of anyone?
- f) Would you prefer to see an important event on TV or in actually there in the streets?
- g) Who is your favourite artist? Why do you like them?
- h) Have you ever witnessed hysteria in the streets (or anywhere else)?

Phrase Match

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| 1. One Direction created a frenzy | a. up to see their heart-throbs |
| 2. thousands of adoring fans turned | b. phenomenon and it's only growing |
| 3. the chance to catch | c. comfort of their own homes |
| 4. remind fans that the red carpet is being | d. by hordes of fans |
| 5. get the best views from the | e. streamed live all over the world |
| 6. reminiscent of the hysteria surrounding | f. in the heart of London |
| 7. the closest I'll get in my whole | g. number one in the US charts |
| 8. Wherever they go they are chased | h. a glimpse of the band |
| 9. This is such a massive global | i. lifetime to seeing anything similar |
| 10. have their debut single get to | j. the Beatles in the 1960s |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of the Beatles?
- Would you like to be in a boy/girl band?
- Is it important for members in a band to play instruments?
- Which singer / group from the past would you like to have seen live?
- What do you think of live concerts?
- Would you like to see One Direction's new movie?
- Will One Direction be bigger than the Beatles?
- Which is better, US or UK music?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. b	4. i	5. a
6. g	7. c	8. j	9. h	10. e

Role Play

Role A – Boy bands

You think boy bands are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their artists. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock bands, soul singers or hip-hop singers.

Role B – Rock bands

You think rock bands are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their artists. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): boy bands, soul singers or hip-hop singers.

Role C – Souls singers

You think soul singers are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their artists. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock bands, boy bands or hip-hop singers.

Role D – Hip-hop singers

You think hip-hop singers are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their artists. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock bands, soul singers or boy bands.

Speaking - music

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

- boy bands
- acoustic solo singers
- choirs
- rock groups
- male soul singers
- female hip-hop singers
- duos
- girl bands

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.