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Level 0

Beyonce releases a secret album

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THE READING

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Beyonce surprised her fans. She made a new album without telling anyone. It was a big secret. She wanted to tell her fans herself. She did not want her record company to tell them. Other singers were surprised. She said she didn't want anybody to talk about her new record. She wanted to talk about it first.

People can only download Beyonce's new album from iTunes. It has 14 new songs and 17 videos. She wants people to remember it. She remembers when she first saw Michael Jackson's Thriller video. Her album sold 80,000 copies in the first three hours. People sent 1.2 million tweets about it in 12 hours.

Sources: <http://gulfnews.com/arts-entertainment/celebrity/beyonce-surprises-all-with-secret-album-release-1.1266796>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Beyonce surprised | a. about it first |
| 2. She made | b. telling anyone |
| 3. without | c. new record |
| 4. It was | d. a new album |
| 5. She wanted to tell her | e. were surprised |
| 6. Other singers | f. a big secret |
| 7. talk about her | g. her fans |
| 8. She wanted to talk | h. fans herself |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. download Beyonce's new album | a. to remember it |
| 2. It has 14 | b. 80,000 copies |
| 3. She wants people | c. three hours |
| 4. She remembers | d. from iTunes |
| 5. she first saw Michael Jackson's Thriller | e. when |
| 6. Her album sold | f. new songs |
| 7. in the first | g. it in 12 hours |
| 8. People sent 1.2 million tweets about | h. video |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Beyonce (1) _____. She made a new album without telling anyone. It (2) _____. She wanted to (3) _____ herself. She did not want her record company to tell them. (4) _____ were surprised. She said she didn't want anybody (5) _____ her new record. (6) _____ talk about it first.

People (7) _____ Beyonce's new album from iTunes. It has (8) _____ and 17 videos. She wants people (9) _____. She remembers when (10) _____ Michael Jackson's Thriller video. Her album (11) _____ copies in the first three hours. People sent 1.2 million tweets (12) _____ 12 hours.

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).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Beyonce** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
