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Beyonce releases a secret album

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THE READING

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American singer Beyonce surprised her fans. She released her new album without advertising it or telling anyone. It is one of the biggest secrets in music history. She wanted to tell her fans herself. She did not want her record company to tell them. It was also a surprise for other singers. She didn't want anything to get between her music and her fans. She said she didn't want anybody to talk about her new record before she did.

Beyonce's new album is only on iTunes. People can only download it from that site. It has 14 new songs and 17 videos. She wanted to do something that people would remember. She said she was very excited when she first saw Michael Jackson's Thriller video. She wanted to do something similar. Her album sold 80,000 copies in the first three hours. Millions of people tweeted about it. There were more than 1.2 million tweets in the first 12 hours.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Beyonce | a. biggest secrets |
| 2. She released | b. about her new record |
| 3. It is one of the | c. for other singers |
| 4. She wanted to tell | d. music and her fans |
| 5. She did not want her record | e. surprised her fans |
| 6. It was also a surprise | f. her fans herself |
| 7. get between her | g. her new album |
| 8. she didn't want anybody to talk | h. company to tell them |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Beyonce's new album is only | a. download it from that site |
| 2. People can only | b. first three hours |
| 3. She wanted to do something that | c. something similar |
| 4. She said was very | d. people tweeted about it |
| 5. She wanted to do | e. on iTunes |
| 6. Her album sold 80,000 copies in the | f. in the first 12 hours |
| 7. Millions of | g. people would remember |
| 8. more than 1.2 million tweets | h. excited |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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American singer Beyonce (1) _____. She released her new album (2) _____ or telling anyone. It is (3) _____ secrets in music history. She wanted to tell her fans herself. She did not want her record company to tell them. It (4) _____ for other singers. She didn't want anything (5) _____ her music and her fans. She said she didn't want anybody to talk about her new record (6) _____.

Beyonce's new album (7) _____. People can only download it from that site. It has 14 new songs and 17 videos. She wanted to do something that (8) _____. She said she was very excited (9) _____ saw Michael Jackson's Thriller video. She wanted to (10) _____. Her album sold 80,000 copies in the first three hours. Millions of people (11) _____. There were more than 1.2 million tweets (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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
