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**Level 1 – 19th December, 2019**

## **Mariah Carey Xmas hit number 1 after 25 years**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey-1.html>

Mariah Carey is number one in the U.S. music charts with "All I Want For Christmas Is You". The festive best seller came out 25 years ago. It was on a record with other songs, so it could not be in Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Rules have been changed and the song has got near number one several times. Ms Carey is happy her song finally hit the top spot. She tweeted: "We did it". The song is also the most streamed song in the U.K. on Spotify.

Mariah Carey was born in 1969. She is also an actor and businesswoman. She is the solo artist with the most number ones in the USA. She has 19; The Beatles have 20. The Guinness World Records book said she has a unique voice. She can use five octaves. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is very popular at Christmas parties and get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "It is an up-tempo love song....It is the most played holiday song in modern history."

Sources: <https://www.nme.com/news/music/mariah-careys-all-i-want-for-christmas-is-you-is-finally-us-number-one-after-25-years-2588214>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All\\_I\\_Want\\_for\\_Christmas\\_Is\\_You](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_I_Want_for_Christmas_Is_You)  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-50818039>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. number one in the            | a. spot              |
| 2. The festive best seller came | b. changed           |
| 3. It was on a record with      | c. times             |
| 4. Rules have been              | d. song              |
| 5. the song has got near        | e. other songs       |
| 6. several                      | f. U.S. music charts |
| 7. her song finally hit the top | g. number one        |
| 8. the most streamed            | h. out 25 years ago  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. She is also an actor and   | a. togethers       |
| 2. the most number            | b. history         |
| 3. she has a unique           | c. tempo love song |
| 4. She can use five           | d. ones            |
| 5. Christmas parties and get- | e. holiday song    |
| 6. It is an up-               | f. businesswoman   |
| 7. It is the most played      | g. voice           |
| 8. modern                     | h. octaves         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey-1.html>

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Mariah Carey was born in 1969. She is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and businesswoman. She is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with the most number ones in the USA. She has 19; The Beatles have 20. The Guinness World Records book said she has (9) \_\_\_\_\_. She can use five octaves. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas parties and get-togethers. Wikipedia said: "It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ love song....It is the most played holiday song (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHRISTMAS SONGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191219-mariah-carey-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Christmas songs 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) \_\_\_\_\_

