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Level 2

Beyonce releases a secret album

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THE READING

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American pop singer Beyonce surprised her fans. She released her new album without telling anyone. It is one of the biggest secrets in music history. Beyonce wanted to release her music without advertising it. She wanted to tell her fans herself. She did not want her record company or newspapers to tell them. The release was a surprise for other celebrities and singers. She didn't want anything to get between her music and her fans. She said on Facebook: "I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my record is coming out."

Beyonce released her new album only on iTunes. People can only download it from that site. It has 14 new songs and 17 videos. She made the videos all over the world. She wanted to do something that people would remember. She was very excited when she first saw Michael Jackson's Thriller video. She wanted to do something similar. She thinks people experience music differently today. 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. That's about 5,300 tweets a minute.

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Beyonce surprised | a. and her fans |
| 2. She released her new album | b. give the message |
| 3. one of the | c. company |
| 4. her record | d. her fans |
| 5. a surprise | e. without telling anyone |
| 6. get between her music | f. coming out |
| 7. I didn't want anybody to | g. biggest secrets |
| 8. my record is | h. for other celebrities |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Beyonce released her new album | a. the first 12 hours |
| 2. People can only download | b. over the world |
| 3. She made the videos all | c. do something similar |
| 4. She wanted to do something that | d. only on iTunes |
| 5. She wanted to | e. tweets a minute |
| 6. Her album sold 80,000 copies | f. it from that site |
| 7. 1.2 million tweets in | g. people would remember |
| 8. about 5,300 | h. in the first three hours |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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American pop singer Beyonce (1) _____. She released her new album without telling anyone. It is one of the biggest (2) _____ history. Beyonce wanted to release her music (3) _____. She wanted to tell her fans herself. She did not want her record company or newspapers to tell them. The release was a surprise (4) _____ and singers. She didn't want (5) _____ between her music and her fans. She said on Facebook: "I felt like I didn't want anybody to give the message when my (6) _____."

Beyonce released her new album (7) _____. People can only download (8) _____. It has 14 new songs and 17 videos. She made the videos all over the world. She wanted to do something that people (9) _____. She was very excited when she first saw Michael Jackson's Thriller video. She wanted to (10) _____. She thinks people experience music differently today. Her album sold 80,000 copies in the first three hours. Millions (11) _____ about it. There were more than 1.2 million tweets (12) _____. That's about 5,300 tweets a minute.

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)

WRITING

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Write about **Beyonce** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
