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Level 1 – 8th February 2024

Taylor Swift makes history with fourth best album win

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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/2402/240209-taylor-swift-grammy-1.html>

The singer-songwriter Taylor Swift is the first artist to win best album at the Grammys four times. Ms Swift made history with her album "Midnights". She has overtaken legends like Stevie Wonder. In her speech, she said: "I would love to tell you that this is the best moment of my life, but I feel this happy when I finish a song...or when I'm rehearsing with my dancers." She added: "All I wanna do is...this. I love it so much. It makes me so happy."

Taylor Swift began writing songs professionally at the age of 14. In 2005, she became a country singer. Since then, she has experimented with many music styles. She has sold over 200 million records. A movie of her 2023 tour "Eras" is the best-selling concert film ever. She is also a huge influencer. Forbes magazine said she is one of the world's 100 most powerful women. Wikipedia called her a champion of artists' rights and women's issues.

Sources: <https://www.grammy.com/news/taylor-swift-album-of-the-year-2024-grammys-speech>
<https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-news/grammys-2024-recap-taylor-swift-sza-miley-cyrus-1234961256/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taylor_Swift

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240209-taylor-swift-grammy-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The singer- | a. so happy |
| 2. Ms Swift made history with | b. I finish a song |
| 3. this is the best moment | c. her album |
| 4. I feel this happy when | d. do |
| 5. I'm rehearsing with | e. songwriter Taylor Swift |
| 6. All I wanna | f. my dancers |
| 7. I love it | g. of my life |
| 8. It makes me | h. so much |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. writing songs | a. country singer |
| 2. at the | b. film ever |
| 3. she became a | c. age of 14 |
| 4. she has experimented with | d. 200 million records |
| 5. She has sold over | e. powerful women |
| 6. the best-selling concert | f. professionally |
| 7. one of the world's 100 most | g. of artists' rights |
| 8. Wikipedia called her a champion | h. many music styles |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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artist to win best (2) _____ Grammys four times.
Ms Swift made history with her album "Midnights". She has
(3) _____ Stevie Wonder. In her speech, she
said: "I would love to tell you that this is the
(4) _____ my life, but I feel this happy when I
finish a song...or when I'm rehearsing
(5) _____." She added: "All I wanna do is...this. I
love it so much. It makes (6) _____."

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(7) _____ of 14. In 2005, she became a country
singer. Since then, she has experimented with
(8) _____. She has sold over 200 million records.
A movie of (9) _____ "Eras" is the best-selling
concert film ever. She is (10) _____ influencer.
Forbes magazine said she is one of the world's 100 most powerful
women. Wikipedia (11) _____ champion of
artists' rights (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TAYLOR SWIFT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240209-taylor-swift-grammy-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Taylor Swift 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) _____

