

STEP 3: AMY WINEHOUSE



LANGUAGE - MULTIPLE CHOICE ACTIVITY

Singer Amy Winehouse has been found dead at her home in London on Saturday, July the 23rd. The award-(1) _____ artist **was** just 27 years old, the same age as Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison and Janis Joplin. Winehouse (2) _____ to worldwide fame and (3) _____ following the release of her album Back to Black in 2006, which won five Grammy awards and became the third-highest selling album of the 2000s. She **spent** years battling alcohol and drug addiction. (4) _____ and other demons in her personal life affected her ability to perform (5) _____ and she **was booed offstage** for appearing too drunk to perform in 2011. She **sang** about her addictions and attempts to beat them (6) _____ her smash hit Rehab, an example of her gritty and honest songwriting.

Tributes from across the world (7) _____ her death **showed** what a unique talent she **was** and how much she will be missed. The BBC said: "With her gravelly voice and eclectic (8) _____, Amy Winehouse...**won** comparison with some of the great female singers such as Sarah Vaughan and Nina Simone." Britain's Daily Mail newspaper **wrote**: "She **was** without (9) _____ the outstanding vocalist of her generation. Without Amy, there would have been no Adele, no Duffy and no Lady Gaga." It **added**: "The (10) _____ loss of Amy Winehouse has robbed us of a young, if fatally troubled, life cut down (11) _____ its prime. It has also cheated British music of a talent, at 27, whose best years surely still lay (12) _____." Singer Rihanna **tweeted**: "I am genuinely heartbroken...#DearAmy."

1. VOCABULARY: Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

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|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) won | (b) winning | (c) winner | (d) wins |
| 2. | (a) bullet | (b) gunned | (c) shot | (d) fired |
| 3. | (a) acclaim | (b) reclaim | (c) claim | (d) claimant |
| 4. | (a) Therefore | (b) So | (c) Thus | (d) This |
| 5. | (a) lives | (b) livelihood | (c) live | (d) lifestyle |
| 6. | (a) in | (b) to | (c) at | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) followers | (b) follow | (c) follows | (d) following |
| 8. | (a) styled | (b) style | (c) stylish | (d) stylishly |
| 9. | (a) answer | (b) statement | (c) negative | (d) question |
| 10. | (a) tragedy | (b) tragically | (c) tragic | (d) tragedies |
| 11. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) up | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) ahead | (b) future | (c) before | (d) forward |

↳ **GRAMMAR:** What tense is used to tell Amy Winehouse's life? Why?

2. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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| a. The singer Amy Winehouse died in her London home. | T / F |
| b. She joins many other singing legends who died at the age of 27. | T / F |
| c. Her Back to Black album was the best selling album of the 2000s. | T / F |
| d. One of her most famous songs was about trying to beat addictions. | T / F |
| e. The BBC said she had an electric style. | T / F |
| f. The BBC said she couldn't be compared to singers like Sarah Vaughan | T / F |
| g. A British newspaper spoke of Amy's influence on Lady Gaga and Adele. | T / F |
| h. The newspaper said she had already recorded her best work. | T / F |

3. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the synonyms from the article.

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| 1. artist | a. devastating |
| 2. shot | b. fighting |
| 3. acclaim | c. best years |
| 4. battling | d. remarkable |
| 5. attempts | e. rocketed |
| 6. unique | f. problematic |
| 7. eclectic | g. performer |
| 8. tragic | h. diverse |
| 9. troubled | i. praise |
| 10. prime | j. efforts |

4. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. The award-winning artist was | a. fame and acclaim |
| 2. Winehouse shot to worldwide | b. still lay ahead |
| 3. the third-highest selling album | c. alcohol and drug addiction |
| 4. spent years battling | d. her generation |
| 5. an example of her gritty and | e. of the 2000s |
| 6. Tributes | f. heartbroken |
| 7. the outstanding vocalist of | g. just 27 years old |
| 8. The tragic | h. honest songwriting |
| 9. ...whose best years surely | i. loss of Amy Winehouse |
| 10. I am genuinely | j. from across the world |

5. An intense life ... Put the verbs in the preterit tense.

1. Tributes (to flood in) for Winehouse .
2. The music world (to pay tribute) to singer Amy Winehouse, 27, who (to die) at her London home.
3. TV presenter Kelly Osbourne (to tweet) : "I can't even breath right now I'm crying so hard I (to lose) 1 of my best friends. I love you Amy!"
4. Amy Winehouse(to be born) in the Southgate area of north London to a Jewish family in 1983. At the age of 13 she(to receive) her first guitar and (to start) writing songs at 14.
5. Winehouse's father Mitch Winehouse, a black cab driver, (to sing) Frank Sinatra songs to her as a child. Her mother (to be) a pharmacist.
6. She (to win) an Ivor Novello Award for her song Rehab, the first release on her second album, Back to Black, which (to catapult) her to stardom. It (to be) Britain's bestselling record in 2007, selling 1.85m copies.
7. Last month a video of her performing in Serbia(to appear)on the internet, showing her disorientated and confused. The crowd (to boo off + her) the stage.
8. Fans (to leave) flowers near her house in north London.
9. She (to join) a tragic group of stars who to pass away) at the age of 27, the notorious '27 Club'.



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