

Adele – A London girl with a great voice

PRE-LISTENING

TASK 1: Puzzle. Look at the pictures of these artists (PIC 1- PIC 5) and combine them with their corresponding names (A – G) and one of their most famous songs (a-g) Be careful: There is one name of the musicians and one song title in the list that do not fit to any of the pictures! Complete the grid below



PIC



PIC 2



PIC 4



PIC 1



PIC 3

ARTISTS	
A) Spice Girls	B) Adele
D) Lauryn Hill	E) Mary J. Blige
	F) Mel C.

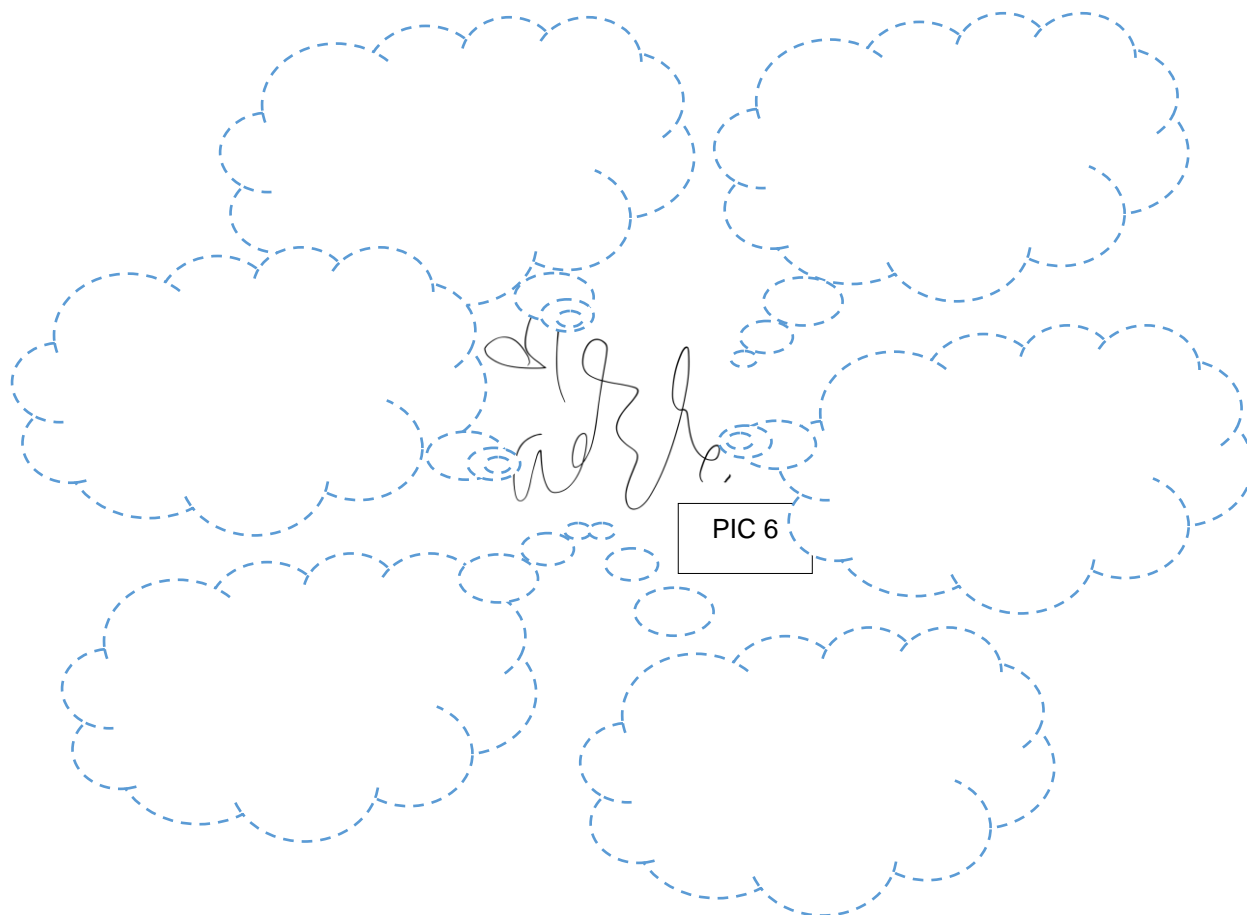
SONG TITLES		
a) Killing Me Softly	b) Wannabe	c) My Heart Will Go On
d) Say My Name	e) Hello	f) Family Affair

PICTURES:					
ARTISTS:					
SONG TITLES:					

→ Which of the artists is currently the most popular?

TASK 2:

What might be reasons for Adele's current success? Create a short mind map and share your ideas with your partner.



→ Go online and find out the most important awards Adele has received in her career so far. Write them on the lines below. If you were Adele, what would be the most important awards for you? Discuss your ideas with your partner.

TASK 3: Work in pairs.

Describe the pictures to each other without showing them to each other.



PIC 7



PIC 8

Your pictures show Adele on stage. Do you like her music? Say why or why not and explain your decision in five sentences. Write them on the lines below.

Read your explanation to your partner. Compare and discuss it. What are the similarities and what are the differences?

TASK 4:

Below you can see a list with some of Adele's most popular songs.

Rolling in the Deep Hello

Set Fire to the Rain Rumour Has It Skyfall

Hometown Glory Someone Like You

If your favourite Adele song is missing, you can add it.
Make a ranking with your TOP-5 Adele songs. Write them in the box below.

My Adele hit list!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Compare your hit list with your partner's. Discuss the similarities and the differences.
Go online and find the lyrics for your number one song. What is it about? Talk about it with your neighbours.

TASK 5:

Carry out a survey in class asking the following questions.

- Who likes Adele?
- Why he/ she does or does not like her music.
- What are the top three most popular songs in your class?
- Why is Adele so popular all around the world?
- What do you know about her private life?

Create a poster with the results for your classroom.

VOCABULARY

Word Salad: Find the words for the definitions in the grid. There are three words in the grid without a definition. Find them and write them on the lines below with a suitable definition of your own.

R	M	U	O	T	A	S	R	G	X	B	V	Q
D	I	N	F	L	U	E	N	C	E	Q	A	P
Y	U	F	S	X	D	F	K	E	K	E	R	A
S	U	O	J	L	C	O	I	H	U	P	S	R
T	L	R	E	C	E	N	T	L	Y	E	F	T
A	M	G	S	L	U	Q	A	T	Y	I	V	L
G	U	E	S	S	H	Q	F	I	R	M	L	Y
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M	J	A	I	A	H	M	Q	M	L	I	J	F
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G	J	E	I	K	H	P	N	W	O	K	Q	M
X	E	M	K	Q	U	I	N	C	L	U	D	E
A	W	E	I	G	H	T	D	Q	G	V	Q	R
Q	Q	T	S	F	P	A	Y	F	A	C	Q	L
D	B	R	O	A	D	L	Y	X	R	V	E	C

Synonym: memorable
The effect that somebody/something has on the way a person thinks or behaves or on the way that something works or develops
A person who looks very similar to the person mentioned
Not long ago
To form a picture in your mind of what something might be like
More than a smile
To make somebody/something part of something
To some extent; not completely
In a strong or definite way
That existed in earlier times
To try and give an answer or make a judgement about something without being sure of all the facts
A raised area, usually in a theatre, etc. where actors, dancers, etc. perform

3 Additional words:

_____ :

_____ :

_____ :



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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TASK 1: Listen to the text and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F). Put a tick (✓) in the correct box.

		T	F
1)	Adele has got headaches because of her success.		
2)	First Adele grew up in the south of London and later in the north.		
3)	Adele was raised mainly by her very young mother.		
4)	The American artist Etta James had a huge influence on Adele's musical style.		
5)	At the age of 14, Adele attended the popular Brit performing arts school in Croydon.		
6)	Her first album was called '19', the age when she finished recording it.		
7)	Almost 30 million CDs were sold of her second album '21'.		
8)	Simon Konecki is the father of Adele's son Angelo.		
9)	Many people in the UK liked the video in which Adele appeared as her own lookalike.		
10)	Millions of fans are sure that Adele has the same sexy image as Beyoncé.		
11)	Adele often performs without her shoes on stage.		
12)	Even when she received an award from Prince Charles in 2013, Adele was herself.		

TASK 2:

Listen to the text and finish the sentences in two to five words. One word isn't enough!

- a) Although Adele is unbelievably popular and successful, the success hasn't
_____.
- b) Adele was brought up by her mother because her father left when she
_____.
- c) After Adele had uploaded some of her demo-songs on social media sites,
_____.
- d) After her first album '19' was released in 2008, it was a success on
_____.
- e) '21' stayed No1 for 11 weeks and has sold more than
_____.



- f) Her latest CD '25' has become the
_____.
- g) On a BBC comedy show, nobody realised that it was the real Adele until she
_____.
- h) Even when she meets royalty, Adele
_____.
- i) Although Adele was proud when she got the award, that didn't stop her
_____.

POST-LISTENING/READING

Guided writing:

You have the chance to interview Adele. You are allowed to ask her four questions. Write an article about the interview for your school magazine.

Include the following aspects:

- **Why Adele has become a singer.**
- **What the reasons for her success might be.**
- **What her private and professional future plans are**
- **Another personal question you asked her**

Write about 200 words.

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ANSWER KEY

PRE-LISTENING:

TASK 1:

PICTURES:	1	2	3	4	5
ARTISTS:	C	E	A	B	D
SONG TITLES:	d	f	b	e	a

VOCABULARY:

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	I	N	F	L	U	E	N	C	E										P	
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Capital: the most important town or city of a country, usually where the central government operates from

Amazing: very surprising, especially in a way that makes you feel pleasure or admiration

Weight: how heavy somebody/something is, which can be measured in, for example, kilograms or pounds

LISTENING-COMPREHENSION:

TASK 1

1) F 2) F 3) T 4) T 5) F 6) F 7) F 8) T 9) T 10) F 11) T 12) T

TASK 2

- a) gone to her head.
- b) was just two years old
- c) record companies started noticing her.
- d) both sides of the Atlantic
- e) 30 million copies worldwide
- f) fastest-selling album ever
- g) opened her mouth to sing.
- h) Adele is always herself
- i) bursting into her typical giggles.

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