

Ariana Grande is one of the biggest pop stars in the world. But how did she begin her amazing singing career?

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... an award | a. | (short, colloquial form of 'gossip') information about someone's private life that is often unkind or untrue |
| 2..... goss | b. | a big group of people who sing together in harmony, often in a church or school |
| 3..... proud | c. | not moving |
| 4..... zany | d. | a prize |
| 5..... still | e. | crazy |
| 6..... a choir | f. | a piece of hair which covers the forehead |
| 7..... a fringe | g. | to do the same things in life that another person has done |
| 8..... to follow in somebody's footsteps | h. | happy and satisfied because you've done (or somebody else has done) something very well |

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the correct word or phrase to complete these sentences.

- When the presenter sees the video of the musical, she is shocked by Ariana's ...
a. appearance. b. singing. c. self-confidence.
- The music teacher used to teach Ariana ...
a. in the school choir. b. in individual lessons. c. in the school choir and in individual lessons.
- The teacher says that when she was in class, Ariana was very ...
a. friendly. b. energetic. c. dedicated to her studies.
- The teacher describes the time when Ariana won an award for being ...
a. the best music student in the school that month. b. the best student in the school that month. c. the best music student in the history of the school.

5. When Ariana wanted to wear a strange hat to accept her award, the teacher ...
- a. thought that it was a great idea. b. told Ariana that it was a crazy idea. c. told Ariana that it was her own decision to make.
6. When the presenter sees a photo of Ariana in the book, she pays attention to ...
- a. Ariana's smile. b. how young Ariana seems. c. Ariana's hair.
7. The presenter meets some pupils who are ...
- a. members of an Ariana Grande fan club in the school. b. members of a pop group in the school. c. interested in becoming professional singers.
8. With regard to Ariana's success, the pupils say that they feel ...
- a. a little jealous. b. proud. c. inspired.

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the lines from the video with a word from the box.

footsteps	still	proud
goss	unique	choir

1. I'm here to get all the _____ about Ari's schooldays from her former teacher.
2. Now, Candi, Ariana was in your _____ and you taught her one-on-one.
3. She couldn't sit _____; she had to be doing something.
4. It was so adorable and so _____ that I said, 'Absolutely, let's do it.'
5. I decided to catch up with some current pupils who are hoping to follow in Ariana's _____.
6. Are you super _____ of her?

Discussion

Who is your favourite singer? How did he or she start singing?
Did any famous people go to your school?