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Music Zone

Student A

Below is a magazine article about Jennifer Lopez. Unfortunately, some of the information about her is missing. By asking 'Student B' questions, you can fill in the missing information. 'Student B' will also ask you questions.

First, read the text below and work out which questions to ask. Write a question for each gap. Here are some examples:

- When was Jennifer Lopez born?
- Where did she grow up?
- What is her younger sister's name?

When you have written a question for each gap, find a partner who has worksheet B. Take it in turns to ask and answer questions but don't let student B see your worksheet!

Phrases marked * are explained in the glossary below the text.

JENNIFER LOPEZ

Singer, dancer and movie star Jennifer Lopez is one the USA's most successful female performers. But her love life is not such a triumph...

Jennifer Lopez was born on _____. She grew up in the Bronx, an area of New York, although both her parents are originally from _____. Her mother works as a teacher and her father is a computer specialist. Jennifer is the middle child in the family. She has an older sister called Maria, and a younger sister, Linda, who is a _____ in the USA.

Jennifer enjoyed sports at high school. She played _____ and was good at gymnastics. When she was only ___ years old, she got engaged to a local boy called David Cruz, whom she described as 'the best-looking guy in the neighbourhood.' However, the relationship did not last.

Jennifer worked hard on her singing and dancing skills and eventually moved to _____ to improve her dancing. Her Hollywood career began in 1990, when she got a part as a dancer in a US television programme. She also worked as a dancer with pop star _____, and appeared in the video for her hit song* 'That's the Way Love Goes.'

Her big break* came in _____, when she played the leading role in the hit movie 'Selena', the story of a Salsa star who was murdered by the president of her fan club. Several movies followed, including 'Out of Sight' where she played a policewoman who falls for* a charming criminal (played by co-star George Clooney).

Having won her place as one of Hollywood's top actresses, Jennifer took her career in a different direction. In 1999, her album '_____' took the music scene by storm*, and hit after hit followed on both sides of the Atlantic. The name of her first album refers to the number 6 train, which Jennifer used to take from the Bronx to Manhattan every day.

Jennifer's difficult love life* has frequently made the newspapers. Her 1997 marriage to Ojani Noa, a model, soon ended in divorce. In 1999, she started dating hip-hop star Sean Combs, better known as '____'. They were on the front pages of newspapers around the world when they were involved in a high-speed car chase with the police after a shoot-out* at a nightclub. Jennifer spent 14 hours in prison, before being set free and cleared* of doing any wrong.

Just a few months after breaking up with Puff Daddy, Jennifer married again, this time to Cris Judd, a dancer who appeared on the video for her hit song 'Love Don't Cost a Thing'. They married on September 29th 2001, but separated less than a year later.

GLOSSARY

A hit song or a hit movie: a very popular song or movie

A big break: a big opportunity

To take something by storm: to have great and rapid success in that area.

To fall for someone: to be very attracted to someone.

Love life: the part of someone's life that includes their romantic relationships.

A shoot-out: a battle fought with guns.

To be cleared of doing something: to be found not to have done something bad.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

You can use these phrases when you talk to your partner:

How do you spell that?

Could you repeat that please?

I'm sorry, I didn't catch that.

I'm sorry, I didn't understand that.

ROLE PLAY: THE CHAT SHOW

Jennifer Lopez is to appear on a chat show.

GROUP A: You are the chat show presenter. Think up ten questions you can ask Jennifer. Think of interesting questions – don't just repeat those from the exercise above! For example, why are all Jennifer's relationships with men so short? And what does she do with all her money?

GROUP B: You are Jennifer. Think of what you would like to say to all those fans who will be watching the TV show. Perhaps you have a new song or movie to promote. The presenter will probably ask about your love life. Think about how you can explain your past in a way that makes you look good (it's OK to use your imagination!).

USEFUL LANGUAGE

Can you tell me about...?

I'd like to ask about...

Could you tell us a little bit more about...?

Can you explain why...?

No comment.

I'd rather not talk about that.

I'm really excited about my new...

I have no/lots of regrets about that.