

50 CENT

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

50 Cent is one of the world's most famous and influential rappers. He shot to fame with the release of his albums 'Get Rich or Die Tryin' and 'The Massacre', which sold over 20 million copies. He has also acted in several movies and founded his own record label. 50 Cent has hit the headlines for feuding with other rappers.

50 Cent's real name is Curtis James Jackson III. He was born in New York in 1975. His mother was murdered when he was eight. He never knew his father. At the age of 12, he started drug dealing and carrying a gun. When he was 14, he competed at boxing in the Junior Olympics. In 1994, he spent six months in prison.

50 Cent started rapping in 1996, after meeting Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC. Jay developed 50 Cent's rapping skills and in 1999, Columbia Records signed him. He recorded a successful single called "How to Rob". Just as his popularity was growing, he was shot nine times outside his home. His record label dropped him and he was unable to find work.

He moved to Canada and recorded his album 'Guess Who's Back?' In 2002, Eminem heard the album and invited 50 Cent to his home in LA to sign a million-dollar record deal. In 2003, 50 Cent released his smash-hit album 'Get Rich or Die Tryin'. 50 Cent is now an actor and very successful businessman as well as being a rap superstar.

247 words
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SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1. influential | a. rose |
| 2. shot | b. jail |
| 3. feuding | c. selling |
| 4. murdered | d. important |
| 5. dealing | e. killed |
| 6. prison | f. arguing |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| 7. skills | g. let go |
| 8. growing | h. contract |
| 9. dropped | i. extremely |
| 10. moved | j. talent |
| 11. deal | k. relocated |
| 12. very | l. increasing |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the world's most famous and | a. carrying a gun |
| 2. founded his own | b. was growing |
| 3. hit the headlines for feuding with | c. rapping in 1996 |
| 4. he started drug dealing and | d. influential rappers |
| 5. he spent six months | e. record deal |
| 6. 50 Cent started | f. in prison |
| 7. Jay developed 50 Cent's | g. successful businessman |
| 8. Just as his popularity | h. other rappers |
| 9. sign a million-dollar | i. record label |
| 10. 50 Cent is now an actor and very | j. rapping skills |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

50 Cent is one of the world's most _____ rappers. He shot to fame _____ his albums 'Get Rich or Die Tryin' and 'The Massacre', which sold over 20 million copies. He has also acted in several movies and _____ record label. 50 Cent has hit the headlines _____ other rappers.

_____ Curtis James Jackson III. He was born in New York in 1975. His mother _____ he was eight. He never knew his father. At the age of 12, he started drug _____ a gun. When he was 14, he competed at boxing in the Junior Olympics. In 1994, he _____ prison.

50 Cent started rapping in _____ Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC. Jay developed 50 Cent's _____ in 1999, Columbia Records signed him. He recorded a successful single called "How to Rob". _____ was growing, he was shot nine times outside his home. His record label _____ was unable to find work.

_____ and recorded his album 'Guess Who's Back?' In 2002, Eminem heard the _____ 50 Cent to his home in LA to sign a _____ deal. In 2003, 50 Cent released his smash-hit album 'Get Rich or Die Tryin'. 50 Cent is now an actor and very successful businessman _____ a rap superstar.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

50 Cent is one of the world's most famous and *influence / influential* rappers. He shot to *fame / famous* with the release of his albums 'Get Rich or Die Tryin' and 'The Massacre', which sold over 20 million copies. He has also acted *on / in* several movies and founded his own record label. 50 Cent has hit the headlines for feuding with *another / other* rappers.

50 Cent's *reality / real* name is Curtis James Jackson III. He was born in New York in 1975. His mother was murdered when he was eight. He never *known / knew* his father. At the age of 12, he started *drug / drugs* dealing and carrying a gun. When he was 14, he *competed / completed* at boxing in the Junior Olympics. In 1994, he spent six months in prison.

50 Cent started rapping in 1996, after *met / meeting* Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC. Jay developed 50 Cent's rapping skills and in 1999, Columbia Records signed him. He recorded a successful single called "How to Rob". Just as his *popular / popularity* was growing, he was *shooting / shot* nine times outside his home. His record label *dropped / drooped* him and he was unable to find work.

He moved to Canada and *recording / recorded* his album 'Guess Who's Back?' In 2002, Eminem heard the album *and / to* invited 50 Cent to his home in LA to sign a million-dollar record deal. In 2003, 50 Cent released his smash-hit album 'Get Rich or Die Tryin'. 50 Cent is *know / now* an actor and very successful businessman as *all / well* as being a rap superstar.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. most famous and influential apesrpr
2. the leraese of his albums
3. sold over 20 million osepic
4. hit the edhienals

Paragraph 2

5. His mother was rmurdeed when he was eight
6. he started drug gnieald
7. he oedmptec at boxing
8. he spent six months in oinpsr

Paragraph 3

9. 50 Cent started rnipagp in 1996
10. Columbia Records ngiesd 50 Cent
11. his popularity was nrgogiw
12. he was eaulnb to find work

Paragraph 4

13. odeecrdr his album
14. inivdte 50 Cent to his home
15. sign a million-dollar record leda
16. successful mnsusaibesn

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () movies and founded his own record label. 50 Cent has hit the headlines for feuding with other rappers.
- () 14, he competed at boxing in the Junior Olympics. In 1994, he spent six months in prison.
- () 50 Cent started rapping in 1996, after meeting Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC. Jay developed 50 Cent's rapping
- (**1**) 50 Cent is one of the world's most famous and influential rappers. He shot to fame with the release of his
- () called "How to Rob". Just as his popularity was growing, he was shot nine times
- () and very successful businessman as well as being a rap superstar.
- () outside his home. His record label dropped him and he was unable to find work.
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- () the album and invited 50 Cent to his home in LA to sign a million-dollar record
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- () eight. He never knew his father. At the age of 12, he started drug dealing and carrying a gun. When he was
- () albums 'Get Rich or Die Tryin' and 'The Massacre', which sold over 20 million copies. He has also acted in several
- () deal. In 2003, 50 Cent released his smash-hit album 'Get Rich or Die Tryin'. 50 Cent is now an actor
- () skills and in 1999, Columbia Records signed him. He recorded a successful single

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. influential the most and rappers world's famous

2. several He also in movies has acted

3. other with feuding for headlines the hit rappers

4. a carrying and dealing drug started he gun

5. in he prison spent In six 1994 months ,

6. Cent's 50 developed Jay skills rapping

7. He called single successful a recorded "How to Rob"

8. was he home his outside times nine shot

9. deal a - record sign million dollar

10. businessman successful very and actor an

50 CENT DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about 50 Cent?
2. Would you like to meet 50 Cent?
3. What would you like to know about 50 Cent and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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50 CENT DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about 50 Cent?
2. What questions would you like to ask 50 Cent?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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50 CENT SURVEY:

Write five questions about 50 Cent in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about 50 Cent. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. 50 CENT POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of 50 Cent. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about 50 Cent. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to 50 Cent. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "50 Cent expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 2. founded his own | b. record label |
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| 4. he started drug dealing and | d. carrying a gun |
| 5. he spent six months | e. in prison |
| 6. 50 Cent started | f. rapping in 1996 |
| 7. Jay developed 50 Cent's | g. rapping skills |
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.