

HAIFA WEHBE

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Haifa Wehbe was born in Southern Lebanon in 1976. She became a model when she was very young and became Miss South Lebanon when she was sixteen. She also married very young and had a daughter named Zeinab. In 1995, Wehbe was runner-up at the Miss Lebanon beauty contest, but was disqualified for not telling the judges about her marriage.

Wehbe and her beauty became famous all around the Arab world and appeared on over 100 magazine covers in 1996. She continued modelling but she loved singing and decided to use her fame to become a singer. In 2002, she released her debut album, titled 'Huwa az-Zaman', which was a huge hit across the Middle East. Other successful albums followed in 2005 and 2008.

Wehbe has become one of the most famous Arab singers. She has been on CNN and in 2006 became the first Arab artist to perform with rapper 50 Cent. She is also a TV star and has appeared on countless shows. In June 2005, she launched her own jewellery brand, which is popular throughout the Middle East.

Wehbe is also known for speaking her mind on political issues. Her brother was killed in the 1982 Lebanon War. During the 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict, she congratulated Hezbollah for its fight against Israel. She does raise eyebrows in more conservative Arab countries with her sexy image. In April 2008, Bahrain's government banned her from performing in concert in Manama.

241 words
Flesch Kinkaid 9.4

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. runner-up | a. adored |
| 2. disqualified | b. stardom |
| 3. telling | c. came |
| 4. loved | d. second place |
| 5. fame | e. informing |
| 6. followed | f. banned |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 7. singers | g. talking honestly |
| 8. launched | h. well-liked |
| 9. popular | i. traditional |
| 10. speaking her mind | j. artists |
| 11. conservative | k. stopped |
| 12. banned | l. started |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. runner-up at the | a. followed in 2005 and 2008 |
| 2. disqualified for not telling the | b. eyebrows |
| 3. appeared on over 100 | c. countless shows |
| 4. use her fame | d. Miss Lebanon beauty contest |
| 5. Other successful albums | e. the Middle East |
| 6. has appeared on | f. her mind on political issues |
| 7. popular throughout | g. judges about her marriage |
| 8. Wehbe is also known for speaking | h. banned her from performing |
| 9. She does raise | i. magazine covers |
| 10. Bahrain's government | j. to become a singer |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Haifa Wehbe was _____ Lebanon in 1976. She became a model when she was very young and became Miss South Lebanon when she was sixteen. She _____ young and had a daughter named Zeinab. In 1995, Wehbe _____ the Miss Lebanon beauty contest, but was disqualified _____ judges about her marriage.

Wehbe and her beauty became famous all around the Arab world and _____ 100 magazine covers in 1996. She continued modelling but she loved singing and decided _____ to become a singer. In 2002, she released her debut album, titled 'Huwa az-Zaman', which was _____ the Middle East. Other successful _____ 2005 and 2008.

Wehbe has become one of the most famous Arab singers. She has _____ 2006 became the first Arab _____ rapper 50 Cent. She is also a TV star and has appeared _____. In June 2005, she launched her own jewellery brand, which is _____ the Middle East.

Wehbe is also known for _____ on political issues. Her brother was killed in the 1982 Lebanon War. _____ Israel-Lebanon conflict, she congratulated Hezbollah for its fight against Israel. She _____ in more conservative Arab countries with her sexy image. In April 2008, Bahrain's government banned her _____ concert in Manama.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Haifa Wehbe was born in *Southern / southerly* Lebanon in 1976. She became a model when she was very *younger / young* and became Miss South Lebanon when she was sixteen. She also married very young and had a daughter *named / name's* Zeinab. In 1995, Wehbe was runner-up at the Miss Lebanon beauty contest, but was disqualified for not telling the judges about her *married / marriage*.

Wehbe and her beauty became famous *every / all* around the Arab world and appeared *on / in* over 100 magazine covers in 1996. She continued modelling but she loved singing and decided to use her *famous / fame* to become a singer. In 2002, she released her debut album, titled 'Huwa az-Zaman', which was a huge *hit / hits* across the Middle East. Other successful albums followed in 2005 and 2008.

Wehbe has become one of the most *famous / fame* Arab singers. She has been on CNN and in 2006 became the first Arab *artists / artist* to perform with rapper 50 Cent. She is also a TV star and has appeared on *countless / counting* shows. In June 2005, she launched her own jewellery *bland / brand*, which is popular throughout the Middle East.

Wehbe is also known for speaking her *head / mind* on political issues. Her brother was *died / killed* in the 1982 Lebanon War. During the 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict, she congratulated Hezbollah for its fight against Israel. She does *raise / rise* eyebrows in more conservative Arab countries with her sexy image. In April 2008, Bahrain's government banned her *from / by* performing in concert in Manama.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. Haifa Wehbe was born in trhSeoun Lebanon
2. had a auhgrtde named Zeinab
3. Wehbe was perun-nur
4. not telling the judges about her agmriaer

Paragraph 2

5. Wehbe and her eyabut
6. 100 magazine sevrco
7. her etdbu album
8. Other successful albums owoelfdl

Paragraph 3

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11. she udaclnhe her own jewellery brand
12. pularpo throughout the Middle East

Paragraph 4

13. speaking her mind on political suessi
14. the 2006 Israel-Lebanon tofccnli
15. She does raise oerswbye
16. Bahrain's government nabnde her

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () artist to perform with rapper 50 Cent. She is also a TV star and has appeared on countless shows. In June 2005, she
- () she released her debut album, titled 'Huwa az-Zaman', which was a huge
- () Wehbe and her beauty became famous all around the Arab world and appeared on over 100 magazine
- () launched her own jewellery brand, which is popular throughout the Middle East.
- () Zeinab. In 1995, Wehbe was runner-up at the Miss Lebanon beauty contest, but was disqualified
- () for not telling the judges about her marriage.
- () hit across the Middle East. Other successful albums followed in 2005 and 2008.
- () Wehbe has become one of the most famous Arab singers. She has been on CNN and in 2006 became the first Arab
- () War. During the 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict, she congratulated Hezbollah for its fight against
- (**1**) Haifa Wehbe was born in Southern Lebanon in 1976. She became a model when she was very young and
- () covers in 1996. She continued modelling but she loved singing and decided to use her fame to become a singer. In 2002,
- () Israel. She does raise eyebrows in more conservative Arab countries with her sexy
- () image. In April 2008, Bahrain's government banned her from performing in concert in Manama.
- () became Miss South Lebanon when she was sixteen. She also married very young and had a daughter named
- () Wehbe is also known for speaking her mind on political issues. Her brother was killed in the 1982 Lebanon

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. She she became was a very model young when

2. Lebanon beauty contest Wehbe was runner - up at the Miss

3. about not her telling marriage the disqualified judges for

4. on appeared covers magazine 100 over

5. a her singer fame decided to to become use

6. 2005 in followed albums successful Other 2008 and

7. In , her brand 2005 launched jewellery June she own

8. her speaking for known also is Wehbe mind

9. She more does conservative raise Arab eyebrows countries in

10. from her banned government Bahrain's performing

HAIFA WEHBE DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Haifa Wehbe?
2. Would you like to have met Haifa Wehbe?
3. What would you like to know about Haifa Wehbe and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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HAIFA WEHBE DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Haifa Wehbe?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Haifa Wehbe?
3. What would her answers have been to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

HAIFA WEHBE SURVEY:

Write five questions about Haifa Wehbe 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 Haifa Wehbe. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. HAIFA WEHBE POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Haifa Wehbe. 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 Haifa Wehbe. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she did every day and what she thought 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 Haifa Wehbe. Ask her three questions about her life. Tell her how important she is in today's world and how she is missed. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Haifa Wehbe expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 4. use her fame | d. to become a singer |
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.