

MOTHER TERESA

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Mother Teresa was born in Albania in 1910, and died in 1997. Her real name is Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. She became famous the world over for starting the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. She began this work in 1950 and for over forty years, she looked after the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her humanitarian work.

Agnes developed an interest in helping the less fortunate at a very young age. She was fascinated by stories of people who dedicated their life to help others. She decided to become a nun when she was 12. She joined the Sisters of Loreto as a missionary when she was 18. She initially went to Ireland, to learn English.

She arrived in India in 1929 and became a nun two years later. The poverty and suffering she saw around her in Calcutta deeply disturbed her. A famine in 1943 killed thousands and worsened the situation. In 1946 she received a call from God. "I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them. It was an order," she said.

She was an international symbol of charity, visiting many countries to help poor children. At the time of her death, her organization was operating in 123 countries. After she died, the Pope started the process that might one day make her a saint. An international survey ranked her as the "most admired person of the 20th Century."

246 words

Flesch Kinkaid 8.1

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. the world over | a. lucky |
| 2. looked after | b. public-spirited |
| 3. humanitarian | c. spellbound |
| 4. fortunate | d. at first |
| 5. fascinated | e. worldwide |
| 6. initially | f. cared for |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 7. poverty | g. icon |
| 8. disturbed | h. need |
| 9. among | i. troubled |
| 10. symbol | j. thought highly of |
| 11. operating | k. with |
| 12. admired | l. working |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. She became famous the | a. life to help others |
| 2. humanitarian | b. operating in 123 countries |
| 3. developed an interest in helping | c. world over |
| 4. people who dedicated their | d. to learn English |
| 5. She initially went to Ireland, | e. killed thousands |
| 6. A famine in 1943 | f. work |
| 7. help the poor | g. person of the 20th Century |
| 8. her organization was | h. the less fortunate |
| 9. the process that might one | i. while living among them |
| 10. the most admired | j. day make her a saint |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Mother Teresa was born in Albania in _____ 1997. Her real name is Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. She became famous _____ starting the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. She _____ in 1950 and for over forty years, she looked after the poor, sick, _____. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her humanitarian work.

Agnes developed an interest in helping _____ at a very young age. She was fascinated by stories of people _____ life to help others. She _____ a nun when she was 12. She joined the Sisters of Loreto as a missionary when she was 18. _____ to Ireland, to learn English.

She arrived in India in 1929 and became a nun two years later. The poverty and _____ around her in Calcutta _____ her. A famine in 1943 killed thousands _____ situation. In 1946 she received a call from God. "I was to leave the convent and help the poor _____ them. It was an order," she said.

She was an international _____, visiting many countries to help poor children. At the time of her death, her _____ 123 countries. After she died, the Pope started the process _____ make her a saint. An international _____ as the "most admired person of the 20th Century."

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Mother Teresa was born in Albania in 1910, and *dead / died* in 1997. Her real name is Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. She became famous the world *around / over* for starting the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. She began this work in 1950 and for over forty years, she looked after the poor, *sick / sickness*, orphaned, and dying. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her *human / humanitarian* work.

Agnes developed an *interested / interest* in helping the less *fortunate / fortune* at a very young age. She was fascinated by stories of people who dedicated their *life / lives* to help others. She decided to become a nun when she was 12. She joined the Sisters of Loreto as a missionary when she was 18. She *initially / initials* went to Ireland, to learn English.

She arrived in India in 1929 and became a *none / nun* two years later. The poverty and *suffering / suffered* she saw around her in Calcutta deeply disturbed her. A famine in 1943 killed thousands and *worst / worsened* the situation. In 1946 she received a call from God. "I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among *those / them*. It was an order," she said.

She was an international *symbolic / symbol* of charity, visiting many countries to help poor children. *At / In* the time of her death, her organization was operating in 123 countries. After she died, the Pope started the process that might *one / a* day make her a saint. An international survey *ranked / banked* her as the "most admired person of the 20th Century."

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. the world vroe
2. the Missionaries of Ciarhty
3. she koolde after the poor
4. her nmtaanaihru work

Paragraph 2

5. helping the less ateufnrto
6. She was fascinated by sstiero of people
7. She ejindo the Sisters of Loreto
8. She iiainlytl went to Ireland

Paragraph 3

9. ytvorep and suffering
10. A famine in 1943 killed ashsotdun
11. worsened the taisuint
12. help the poor while living gmano them

Paragraph 4

13. She was an international olysbm of charity
14. her organization was enapiorqt in 123 countries
15. the spcoser that might one day make her a saint
16. the most riddmae person of the 20th Century

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () forty years, she looked after the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying. She won the Nobel Peace Prize
- () in 1979 for her humanitarian work.
- () She arrived in India in 1929 and became a nun two years later. The poverty and suffering she saw around her in Calcutta
- () She was an international symbol of charity, visiting many countries to help poor children. At the
- () as a missionary when she was 18. She initially went to Ireland, to learn English.
- () deeply disturbed her. A famine in 1943 killed thousands and worsened the situation. In 1946 she received a call from
- () Agnes developed an interest in helping the less fortunate at a very young age. She was fascinated by stories of
- () time of her death, her organization was operating in 123 countries. After she died, the Pope started the
- () God. "I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them. It was an order," she said.
- () people who dedicated their life to help others. She decided to become a nun when she was 12. She joined the Sisters of Loreto
- () the "most admired person of the 20th Century."
- () the world over for starting the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. She began this work in 1950 and for over
- (**1**) Mother Teresa was born in Albania in 1910, and died in 1997. Her real name is Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. She became famous
- () process that might one day make her a saint. An international survey ranked her as

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. over world the famous became She

2. this began She 1950 in work

3. an less interest fortunate in Agnes helping developed the

4. help of dedicated to stories who life others people their

5. learn to Ireland to went initially She English

6. saw she suffering and poverty The her around

7. in famine A thousands killed 1943

8. among help poor living them the while

9. might make saint that day a process one her the

10. the Century 20th the of person admired most

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

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

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

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

THE MOTHER TERESA SURVEY:

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

3. MOTHER TERESA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Mother Teresa. 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 Mother Teresa. Include imaginary interviews with her friends. 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 Mother Teresa. Ask her three questions about her life. Tell her how important she was. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Mother Teresa expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

Paragraphs 1 and 2

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|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1. | the world over | a. | worldwide |
| 2. | looked after | b. | cared for |
| 3. | humanitarian | c. | public-spirited |
| 4. | fortunate | d. | lucky |
| 5. | fascinated | e. | spellbound |
| 6. | initially | f. | at first |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

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| 8. | disturbed | h. | troubled |
| 9. | among | i. | with |
| 10. | symbol | j. | icon |
| 11. | operating | k. | working |
| 12. | admired | l. | thought highly of |

PHRASE MATCH:

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|-----|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1. | She became famous the | a. | world over |
| 2. | humanitarian | b. | work |
| 3. | developed an interest in helping | c. | the less fortunate |
| 4. | people who dedicated their | d. | life to help others |
| 5. | She initially went to Ireland, | e. | to learn English |
| 6. | A famine in 1943 | f. | killed thousands |
| 7. | help the poor | g. | while living among them |
| 8. | her organization was | h. | operating in 123 countries |
| 9. | the process that might one | i. | day make her a saint |
| 10. | the most admired | j. | person of the 20th Century |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.