

TATA YOUNG

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Tata Young was born as Amita Marie Young in Thailand in 1980. She is a Thai superstar and is popular all over Asia. She became an international success after she released her first English-language album, 'I Believe' in 2004. This followed four albums sung in her native Thai. She has won a string of awards and regularly tops the "best this", "sexiest that" lists.

Tata has an American father and Thai mother. Success for her began at the age of 11, when she beat over 5,000 children in a Thai TV talent contest. She won a contract with Yamaha Music, which set about preparing her for stardom. In 1994, aged 14, she caught the eye of Thailand's biggest record label, which offered her a recording contract.

Tata's debut album sold more than 1 million copies and she became Thailand's biggest pop sensation. Still just 15, she won Thailand's Entertainer of the Year award, as well as Best Recording Artist for 1995. A year later she gave a concert in Hollywood. She was signed by the music agency that also manages acts such as Bon Jovi.

Tata has also developed a modeling and acting career. Her 1997 acting debut helped the movie 'The Red Bike Story' break all Thai box office records. She represented Thailand at the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997. Her single "Zoom" was used in the top-selling PC game The Sims 2. Tata released her second English album in 2008.

246 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. popular | a. heads |
| 2. followed | b. started |
| 3. tops | c. came after |
| 4. beat | d. well-liked |
| 5. set about | e. grabbed the attention of |
| 6. caught the eye of | f. defeated |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 7. sensation | g. established |
| 8. artist | h. song |
| 9. acts | i. sales |
| 10. developed | j. singer |
| 11. box office | k. phenomenon |
| 12. single | l. artists |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Tata Young was born | a. English album in 2008 |
| 2. She has won a | b. about preparing her for stardom |
| 3. she beat | c. string of awards |
| 4. set | d. sensation |
| 5. she caught the eye | e. manages acts such as Bon Jovi |
| 6. Thailand's biggest pop | f. office records |
| 7. the music agency that also | g. as Amita Marie Young |
| 8. break all Thai box | h. over 5,000 children |
| 9. the handover of | i. of Thailand's biggest record label |
| 10. Tata released her second | j. Hong Kong to China |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Tata Young _____ Amita Marie Young in Thailand in 1980. She is a Thai superstar and is popular _____. She became an international success after she released her first English-language album, 'I Believe' in 2004. This followed four albums _____ Thai. She has won a string of awards and _____ "best this", "sexiest that" lists.

Tata has an American father and Thai mother. Success _____ the age of 11, when _____ 5,000 children in a Thai TV talent contest. She won a contract with Yamaha Music, _____ preparing her for stardom. In 1994, aged 14, she _____ Thailand's biggest record label, which offered her a recording contract.

Tata's debut album sold more than 1 million copies and she became Thailand's biggest _____. Still just 15, she won Thailand's Entertainer of the Year _____ Best Recording Artist for 1995. A year later she _____ in Hollywood. She was signed by the music agency that also _____ as Bon Jovi.

Tata has also developed a modeling _____. Her 1997 acting debut helped the movie 'The Red Bike Story' break all Thai _____. She represented Thailand _____ of Hong Kong to China in 1997. Her single "Zoom" _____ top-selling PC game The Sims 2. Tata released her second English album in 2008.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Tata Young was born as Amita Marie Young in Thailand in 1980. She is a *Thai / Thailand* superstar and is popular all over Asia. She became an international *successful / success* after she released her first English-language album, 'I Believe' in 2004. This followed four albums *sang / sung* in her native Thai. She has won a string of awards and regularly *tops / taps* the "best this", "sexiest that" lists.

Tata has an American father and Thai mother. Success *from / for* her began at the age of 11, when she *won / beat* over 5,000 children in a Thai TV talent contest. She won a contract with Yamaha Music, which *set / sat* about preparing her for stardom. In 1994, aged 14, she caught the *eye / ear* of Thailand's biggest record label, which offered her a recording contract.

Tata's debut album sold more than 1 million copies and she became Thailand's biggest pop *sensation / sensational*. Still just 15, she won Thailand's Entertainer of the Year award, as *well / good* as Best Recording Artist for 1995. A year later she gave a concert in Hollywood. She *has / was* signed by the music agency that also manages *arts / acts* such as Bon Jovi.

Tata *has / was* also developed a modeling and acting career. Her 1997 acting debut helped the movie 'The Red Bike Story' break all Thai *bag / box* office records. She represented Thailand at the *handover / handling* of Hong Kong to China in 1997. Her *double / single* "Zoom" was used in the top-selling PC game The Sims 2. Tata released her second English album in 2008.

SPELLING:

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

Paragraph 1

1. approl all over Asia
2. She became an international suecscs
3. sung in her neivta Thai
4. She has won a tgrins of awards

Paragraph 2

5. a Thai TV talent enttcos
6. preparing her for rasdotm
7. she tcahgu the eye of Thailand's biggest record label
8. a recording tncoartc

Paragraph 3

9. Tata's etdub album
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Paragraph 4

13. Tata has also developed a modeling and acting arerec
14. break all Thai box office dcroser
15. the avdnorhe of Hong Kong to China
16. Her glnesi "Zoom"

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () album, 'I Believe' in 2004. This followed four albums sung in her native Thai. She has won a
- () by the music agency that also manages acts such as Bon Jovi.
- () biggest pop sensation. Still just 15, she won Thailand's Entertainer of the Year award, as well as Best Recording
- () with Yamaha Music, which set about preparing her for stardom. In 1994, aged 14, she caught the
- () Artist for 1995. A year later she gave a concert in Hollywood. She was signed
- () Tata has an American father and Thai mother. Success for her began at the age
- () eye of Thailand's biggest record label, which offered her a recording contract.
- () Tata's debut album sold more than 1 million copies and she became Thailand's
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- () of 11, when she beat over 5,000 children in a Thai TV talent contest. She won a contract
- (**1**) Tata Young was born as Amita Marie Young in Thailand in 1980. She is a Thai superstar and is popular
- () string of awards and regularly tops the "best this", "sexiest that" lists.
- () break all Thai box office records. She represented Thailand at the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997. Her

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. in followed her four native albums Thai sung This

2. a of She won string awards has

3. and father American an has Tata mother Thai

4. Success the for age her of began 11 at

5. eye label of she Thailand's caught biggest the record

6. million sold copies more Tata's than debut 1 album

7. later in she Hollywood gave A a year concert

8. modeling has and also acting developed career a Tata

9. records office box Thai all break

10. Kong the to handover China of in Hong 1997

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What do you know about Tata Young?
2. Would you like to meet Tata Young?
3. What would you like to know about Tata Young 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 Tata Young?
2. What questions would you like to ask Tata Young?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE TATA YOUNG SURVEY:

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

3. TATA YOUNG POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Tata Young. 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 Tata Young. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she 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 Tata Young. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Tata Young expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.