

Whitney Huston elementary listening

Part 1.

Instruction: Listen the first time and answer the questions true or False

1. Whitney Huston died on February 11, 2011	
2. She had set a few records in the music world	
3. She sold over 400 million records around the world	
4. Dionne Warwick was Whitey's godmother	
5. She started as a gospel singer in her church	
6. Whitey was more than just a singer	
7. Her final album was "my love for you" published in 2009	
8. She ended her marriage with James Brown in 2007	
9. She went to rehabilitation for substance abuse in may 2011	
10. Mariah Carey says that Whitey will always be remembered for her voice	
11. Tony Bennett didn't think she was that great of a singer.	

Part 2.

Instructions: listen again and fill in the missing words

Remembering Whitney Houston

The world lost a treasured voice when Whitney Houston died on February 11, 2012. She is being remembered not only as a great singer but as a ___1___ in the industry, setting many records and becoming one of pop music's ___2___.

Whitney Houston's ___3___ achievements included more than 400 career awards, and a record-setting string of seven ___4___ Number One singles. She sold more than 170 million albums ___5___ including one of the best-selling movie soundtracks of all time, *The Bodyguard*.

Whitney Houston was from a musical family. Her mother is the She was the daughter of a famous gospel singer Cissy Houston, Dionne Warwick was her cousin and Aretha Franklin was her godmother. Whitney began singing as a gospel singer and pianist in her mother's church and sometimes she performed alongside her mother in nightclubs. At age 15, Whitney sang ___6___ on Chaka Khan's song "I'm Every Woman," a ___7___ she later performed on *The Bodyguard* ___8___. Her vocal ___9___ became her signature sound.

But Whitney wasn't only a singer. She was also an actress, starring in "The Bodyguard," "Waiting To Exhale," and "The Preacher's Wife." In 1998, she released her most musically-diverse album to date, "My Love Is Your Love." Her final album, *I Look To You*, sold more than two million copies and reached the Number One spot in 2009.

The past 10 years were filled with highs and lows. Whitney's contract at Arista Records was renewed for \$100 million but album sales began to drop. Her marriage to singer Bobby Brown ended in 2007, and she canceled concerts and interviews. There were also ___10___ of drug abuse. In May of 2011, she went to a rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol problems.

Houston's ___11___ death prompted tributes the world over. Celebrities in Los Angeles for the 54th Annual Grammy Awards spoke about her contributions. Mariah Carey said, "She will never be forgotten as one of the greatest voices ever to grace the earth." And Tony Bennett, who dedicated a song to her at a pre-Grammy party, said, "When I first heard her I called Clive Davis and said, 'You finally found the greatest singer I've ever heard in my life.'"

ANSWERS

Part 1. True and False

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Part 2. Listening open cloze

1. Trailblazer
2. Divas
3. Groundbreaking
4. Consecutive
5. Worldwide
6. Back up
7. Tune
8. Soundtrack
9. Range
10. Allegation
11. Untimely

LITENING TRANSCRIPT

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