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Taylor Swift



Pre-Reading

➡ あなたはTaylor Swift について何を知っていますか。正しい答えに下線を引きましょう。推測でも構いません。

1. Taylor Swift was born in (1989 / 1998).
2. Her full name is Taylor (Anne / Alison) Swift.
3. Taylor has a younger (brother / sister).
4. Taylor can play the (ukulele / banjo).
5. Her lucky number is (7 / 13).
6. Taylor is (167 / 177) centimeters tall.
7. Her favorite food is (chocolate cake / cheesecake).
8. Taylor (writes / doesn't write) songs.



Part 1

2 - [a] superstar
/'su:pər,stɑ:r/

3 - numerous
/'nu:mərəs/

4 - including
/ɪn'klu:dɪŋ/

5 - [a] singer-
songwriter
/'sɪŋər
'sɔ:ŋ,rɑɪtər/

Taylor Swift is one of the biggest music superstars today. She has sold millions of albums, won numerous awards, and is loved by fans in countries around the world, including Japan. But why is this American singer-songwriter so popular? We asked three of her biggest Japanese fans to give us their opinion. Let's read what they said.

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1a. Who is Taylor Swift?

She is _____

1b. What has Taylor done? She _____

6 - three of her biggest fans - 彼女の大ファンの3人

Part 2

Naomi from Fukuoka

I love Taylor Swift because she writes great lyrics. Taylor is a story teller. She tells stories about her personal life, stories that nearly every person can relate to.

- ⑤ She may sing about a terrible breakup, or she may sing a joyful song about her love for a boy, a family member, or a friend. And in her songs, Taylor is not perfect. She is human, like everyone else, so her fans can easily relate to her.

⑩ Tomoyo from Gunma

Taylor Swift is a good role model. Unlike many other musicians, she doesn't use bad words in her songs. Therefore, anyone can listen to her music, including kids. Through her songs, Taylor teaches kids that they have to work hard to become successful. There is no magic key that you can turn. You just need a lot of effort.

3 - [a] **story** teller
/'stɔ:ri ,telər/

4 - **nearly**
/'nɪrli/

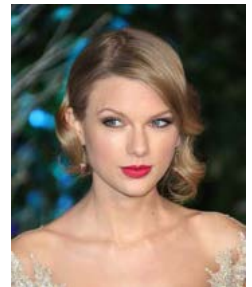
5 - [a] **breakup**
/'breɪ ,kʌp/

6 - **joyful**
/'dʒɔɪfəl/

11 - [a] **role** model
/'rɒl ,ma:dəl/

13 - **therefore**
/'ðer ,fɔ:t/

16 - **effort**
/'efɔ:t/



2a. What kind of things does Taylor sing about in her songs?

She sings about _____

2b. Why can anyone, including kids, listen to Taylor's music?

Because _____

4 - [a] **personal life** - 私生活

12 - [a] **bad word** - 悪い言葉

4 - **relate to** ~ - ~に共感する

15 - [a] **magic key** - 魔法の鍵

Part 3

3 - [a] listener
/'lɪsənər/

4 - appreciate ~
/ə'priːʃi, eɪt/

6 - calm ~
/'kɑːlm/

7 - [a] patient
/'peɪʃənt/

9 - pop
/pɑːp/

10 - [an] idol
/'aɪdəl/

Kanji from Aomori

I like Taylor Swift because she is kind and generous. She gives her listeners gifts at Christmas, or “Swiftmas” as fans call it, to show that she appreciates them. She also visits hospitals and surprises her sick fans in their hospital beds. This helps to calm the patients and make them feel happy.

How about you? Are you a Taylor Swift fan? If so, what do you like about this country and pop music idol?



Taylor Swift in concert

3a. Why does Taylor give her fans gifts at “Swiftmas?”

To _____

3b. What else does she do? She _____

Optional Reading

The Writer's Corner

I think Taylor Swift is great because her fame has not changed her. There are many superstars and teen idols who change dramatically once they become rich and famous. And usually, they change in a bad way. But Taylor is different because of her family. Taylor had terrific parents when she was growing up. They taught her wholesome values, and that is why she is very kind and generous, even now.

Listening

Steven と Ayumi の会話を聞いて、下の問いに答えましょう。リスニングの前に、
'accompany' の意味を辞書で調べましょう。

1. Why does Ayumi think Taylor Swift is a good person?

Because Taylor is _____

2. What do her parents do?

They often _____

3. What did Taylor do for her family?

She _____

Writing and Discussion

下の3つの質問から1つを選び、自分の意見を書きましょう。書き終わったら、グループそしてクラス全体で発表しましょう。

1. Who is your favorite musician? Why do you like him or her?

2. Do you have a role model?

3. If you became a superstar, what would you do for your fans?

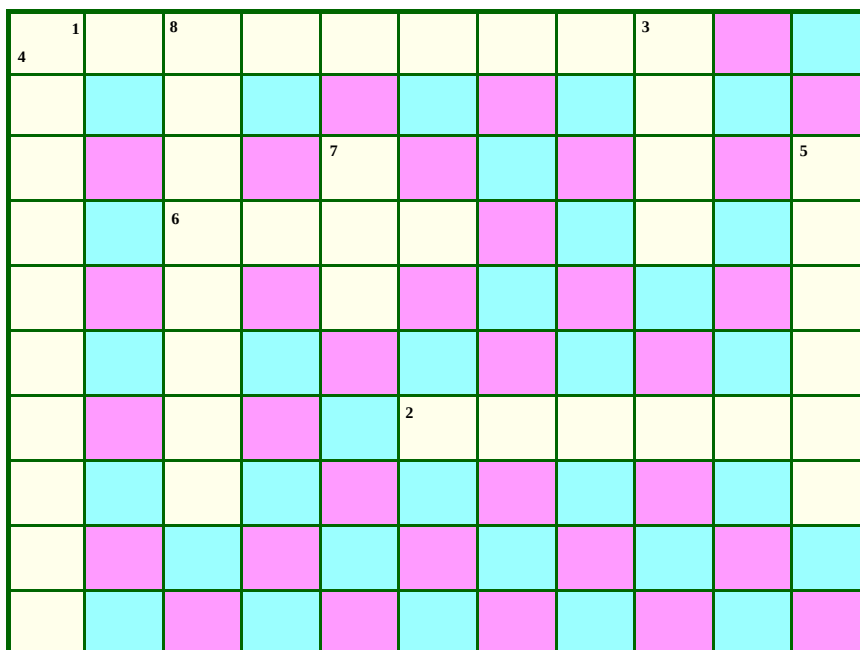
1. あなたの一番好きなミュージシャンは誰ですか。なぜ彼/彼女が好きですか。

2. あなたには手本となる人物がいますか。

3. もしあなたがスーパースターになったら、あなたのファンに何をしますか。

Vocabulary Check - Parts 1 - 3 の単語を使い、クロスワードパズルを完成させましょう。

1. Taylor Swift is a ~. Millions of people around the world love her music.
2. A person who tells stories through music is called a story ~.
3. Many kids respect Taylor Swift. She is their ~ model.
4. I sing and write songs. I am a singer-~.
5. Taylor teaches kids that they have to make great ~ to become successful.
6. A musician who is loved by many young people is called a teen ~.
7. Taylor Swift sings both country music and ~ music.
8. Sometimes, Taylor visits ~ in the hospital to cheer them up.



Food for Thought * - 下線語の意味を辞書で調べた後、下の言葉がどんな意味なのかクラスで確認しましょう。次に、（ ）中の語句を自分の言葉に置きかえ、グループやクラスで発表しましょう

1. **No matter what happens, be good to people. Being good to people is a great legacy to leave behind.** - Taylor Swift
2. **We don't need to share the opinions of others, but we need to be respectful.** - Taylor Swift
3. **I think I am smart, unless I am in love and then, I am very foolish.** - Taylor Swift
4. **Whenever someone tells me I can't achieve something, I want to (do it more).** - Taylor Swift
5. **I'm intimidated by (the fear of being average).** - Taylor Swift

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