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Michael Jackson movie premieres

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Thousands of Michael Jackson fans went to the cinema on Wednesday night to see the movie "This Is It". The film is a documentary made from 100 hours of video. It shows Jackson rehearsing for his London concerts that never happened. The film premiered in 17 cities around the world. Many stars were at the premieres, including Will Smith and Jennifer Lopez in Los Angeles. Experts believe the movie will make around \$60 million worldwide. People who saw the film said it was awesome. The movie is sure to be a hit in the 97 countries it is showing.

The death of Michael Jackson was a huge shock. He was so young and still had a lot more music to give his fans. Jackson is called the King of Pop. He wowed the world for four decades with his beautiful voice and amazing dancing. You can hear his songs in every country you visit. Everybody has a favourite Michael Jackson song. The movie "This Is It" shows the very last images of Michael. He sang his final song the evening before he died, and that is on video. It is very likely the movie will be a favourite for decades to come.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Thousands of | a. of video |
| 2. The film is a | b. the premieres |
| 3. 100 hours | c. never happened |
| 4. his London concerts that | d. Michael Jackson fans |
| 5. Many stars were at | e. to be a hit |
| 6. The movie is sure | f. documentary |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The death of Michael Jackson | a. the world |
| 2. still had a lot more | b. of Michael |
| 3. He wowed | c. to come |
| 4. You can hear his songs | d. was a huge shock |
| 5. the very last images | e. in every country |
| 6. for decades | f. music to give |

LISTENING GAP FILL

From: http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0910/091030-michael_jackson.html

Thousands of Michael Jackson _____ cinema on Wednesday night to see the movie "This Is It". The film is a documentary made _____ video. It shows Jackson _____ London concerts that never happened. The film premiered in 17 cities around the world. Many _____ premieres, including Will Smith and Jennifer Lopez in Los Angeles. Experts believe the movie _____ \$60 million worldwide. People who saw the film said it was awesome. The movie _____ in the 97 countries it is showing.

The death of Michael Jackson _____. He was so young and _____ music to give his fans. Jackson is called the King of Pop. He wowed the world for four decades with his beautiful voice and amazing dancing. You _____ every country you visit. Everybody has a favourite Michael Jackson song. The movie "This Is It" shows the very last images of Michael. He _____ the evening before he died, _____. It is very likely the movie will be a favourite _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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(1) _____ of Michael Jackson fans went to the cinema on Wednesday night to see the movie "This Is It". The film is a documentary made (2) _____ 100 hours of video. It shows Jackson (3) _____ for his London concerts that never happened. The film premiered in 17 cities around the world. Many stars were at the premieres, including Will Smith and Jennifer Lopez in Los Angeles. Experts (4) _____ the movie will make around \$60 million worldwide. People who saw the film said it was awesome. The movie is (5) _____ to be a hit in the 97 countries it is showing.

The (6) _____ of Michael Jackson was a huge shock. He was so young and still had a lot more music to give his fans. Jackson is called the King of Pop. He (7) _____ the world for four decades with his beautiful voice and amazing dancing. You can hear his songs in every country you visit. Everybody has a favourite Michael Jackson song. The movie "This Is It" (8) _____ the very last images of Michael. He (9) _____ his final song the evening before he died, and that is on video. It is very (10) _____ the movie will be a favourite for decades to come.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) Thousands | (b) Dozens | (c) Millions |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) from | (c) in |
| 3. | (a) rehearsing | (b) rehearsed | (c) rehearsal |
| 4. | (a) belief | (b) believer | (c) believe |
| 5. | (a) surely | (b) sure | (c) shore |
| 6. | (a) death | (b) dead | (c) died |
| 7. | (a) wow | (b) wows | (c) wowed |
| 8. | (a) showing | (b) shows | (c) showed |
| 9. | (a) sang | (b) sung | (c) sing |
| 10. | (a) liking | (b) likes | (c) likely |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

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2. The film is a atmodneyrcu
3. 100 hrosu of video
4. 17 citsie
5. \$60 olmnlji worldwide
6. seur to be a hit

Paragraph 2

7. The hteda of Michael Jackson
8. He was so nouyg
9. He odwew the world
10. every country you visti
11. smagie of Michael
12. for deaecds to come

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () worldwide. People who saw the film said it was awesome. The movie is sure to be a hit in the 97 countries it is showing.
- () including Will Smith and Jennifer Lopez in Los Angeles. Experts believe the movie will make around \$60 million
- () The movie "This Is It" shows the very last images of Michael. He sang his final song the evening before he died,
- () fans. Jackson is called the King of Pop. He wowed the world for four decades with his beautiful voice and
- () never happened. The film premiered in 17 cities around the world. Many stars were at the premieres,
- () is a documentary made from 100 hours of video. It shows Jackson rehearsing for his London concerts that
- (**1**) Thousands of Michael Jackson fans went to the cinema on Wednesday night to see the movie "This Is It". The film
- () The death of Michael Jackson was a huge shock. He was so young and still had a lot more music to give his
- () and that is on video. It is very likely the movie will be a favourite for decades to come.
- () amazing dancing. You can hear his songs in every country you visit. Everybody has a favourite Michael Jackson song.

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

1. Fans on went Wednesday to night the cinema.

2. made video from 100 A hours documentary of.

3. in cities The premiered 17 film.

4. \$ movie 60 will million make around The.

5. sure to The be movie a is hit.

6. of was shock death Jackson huge The Michael a.

7. four for world the wowed He decades.

8. songs You in can every hear country his.

9. song He the sang evening his before final.

10. come The movie will be a favourite for decades to.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WRITING

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Write about Michael Jackson for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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 Michael Jackson. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Michael Jackson. Include imaginary interviews with people who knew him. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the director of "This Is It". Ask him three questions about Michael Jackson. Give him three of your opinions on the King of Pop. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.