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Gwyneth Paltrow makes Glee comeback

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow has made a surprise return to the U.S. television series Glee. The 38-year-old star played sex education teacher Holly Holiday. In her comeback show, she performed a sexy dance to Joan Jett's song 'Do You Wanna Touch Me'. Her character warned school kids about the dangers of casual sex. She gave advice about the importance of safe sex, warning: "Just remember, whenever you are having sex with someone you are having sex with everyone they've ever had sex with."

Glee is an American musical comedy-drama TV series. It is about high school children taking part in show choir competitions. It started in 2009 and has become very popular with teenagers. The mix of music, dance and social issues has been a winning formula. The show has also produced many chart hits that are available on iTunes. It has sold over 21 million singles and nine million albums. In 2010, it won the Golden Globe Award for Best Television Series – Musical or Comedy. Appearances from Hollywood stars like Gwyneth Paltrow add to its popularity.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. made a surprise | a. a sexy dance |
| 2. The 38-year-old | b. return |
| 3. she performed | c. remember |
| 4. the dangers of casual | d. of safe sex |
| 5. the importance | e. sex |
| 6. Just | f. star |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. It is about | a. iTunes |
| 2. very popular | b. high school children |
| 3. social | c. many chart hits |
| 4. The show has also produced | d. with teenagers |
| 5. available on | e. its popularity |
| 6. add to | f. issues |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow _____ return to the U.S. television series Glee. The 38-year-old star played sex education teacher Holly Holiday. In _____, she performed a sexy dance to Joan Jett's song 'Do You Wanna Touch Me'. _____ school kids about the dangers of casual sex. She gave _____ importance of safe sex, warning: "Just remember, _____ having sex with someone you are having sex with everyone _____ sex with."

Glee is an American musical comedy-drama TV series. It is about high school children _____ show choir competitions. It started in 2009 _____ very popular with teenagers. The mix of music, dance and social issues has been _____. The show has also produced many chart hits that _____ iTunes. It has sold over 21 million singles _____. In 2010, it won the Golden Globe Award for Best Television Series – Musical or Comedy. Appearances from Hollywood stars like Gwyneth Paltrow add _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow has made a (1) _____ return to the U.S. television series Glee. The 38-year-old star played sex education teacher Holly Holiday. In her comeback (2) _____, she performed a sexy dance to Joan Jett's song 'Do You Wanna Touch Me'. Her character (3) _____ school kids about the dangers of casual sex. She (4) _____ advice about the importance (5) _____ safe sex, warning: "Just remember, whenever you are having sex with someone you are having sex with everyone they've (6) _____ had sex with."

Glee is an American musical comedy-drama TV (7) _____. It is about high school children taking (8) _____ in show choir competitions. It started in 2009 and has become very popular with teenagers. The mix of music, dance and social issues (9) _____ been a winning formula. The show has also produced many chart hits that are available (10) _____ iTunes. It has (11) _____ over 21 million singles and nine million albums. In 2010, it won the Golden Globe Award for Best Television Series – Musical or Comedy. Appearances from Hollywood stars like Gwyneth Paltrow add to its (12) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) surprises | (b) surprise | (c) surprised |
| 2. | (a) show | (b) showed | (c) showing |
| 3. | (a) wanted | (b) warmed | (c) warned |
| 4. | (a) made | (b) did | (c) gave |
| 5. | (a) if | (b) of | (c) by |
| 6. | (a) ever | (b) never | (c) even |
| 7. | (a) serious | (b) series | (c) cereal |
| 8. | (a) apart | (b) part | (c) partner |
| 9. | (a) has | (b) have | (c) having |
| 10. | (a) by | (b) to | (c) on |
| 11. | (a) selling | (b) sale | (c) sold |
| 12. | (a) popularity | (b) popular | (c) polar |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

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2. sex duicaonte teacher
3. mpedeforr a sexy dance
4. the dangers of lcsaau sex
5. She gave iadcve
6. Just emrbemre

Paragraph 2

7. an American mlucasi comedy-drama
8. ngkati part
9. very ularopp with teenagers
10. social sssieu
11. aaleivlab on iTunes
12. add to its trpolayipu

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () star played sex education teacher Holly Holiday. In her comeback show, she performed
- () "Just remember, whenever you are having sex with someone you are having
- () Glee is an American musical comedy-drama TV series. It is about high school children taking
- () sex with everyone they've ever had sex with."
- () Series – Musical or Comedy. Appearances from Hollywood stars like Gwyneth Paltrow add to its popularity.
- () formula. The show has also produced many chart hits that are available on iTunes. It has sold over
- (**1**) Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow has made a surprise return to the U.S. television series Glee. The 38-year-
- () 21 million singles and nine million albums. In 2010, it won the Golden Globe Award for Best Television
- () of casual sex. She gave advice about the importance of safe sex, warning:
- () part in show choir competitions. It started in 2009 and has become very popular with
- () teenagers. The mix of music, dance and social issues has been a winning
- () a sexy dance to Joan Jett's song 'Do You Wanna Touch Me'. Her character warned school kids about the dangers

WORD JUMBLE

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

1. television to A series the surprise Glee U.S. return.

2. star old - year - 38 The.

3. kids Her about character the warned dangers school.

4. importance the about Advice sex safe of.

5. Everyone ever sex they've had with.

6. An drama American TV musical series comedy -.

7. competitions choir show in part taking Children.

8. and very It 2009 become in has popular started.

9. has It singles million 21 over sold.

10. to like its Gwyneth popularity Paltrow add Stars.

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. _____

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. TV SHOWS: Search the Internet and find more information about TV shows. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about TV shows. Include imaginary interviews with the stars of Glee. 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 a star from Glee. Ask him/her three questions about the show. Give him/her three of your opinions on TV shows for teenagers. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.