

U2

The World's Biggest Band

In 1978 four friends at a high school in Dublin won a local music competition. Eighteen months later, in September 1979, they released their first record. It was a big hit. Today, the Irish rock band U2 are one of the most successful 'supergroups' of all time. Thanks to songs like *With or without you* and *I still haven't found what I'm looking for*, they are famous all over the world.

They have sold more than 100 million albums worldwide. They have performed in front of millions of people and their live concerts are always a huge success. They have won numerous music awards, including 14 Grammy* awards. They have also written songs for several Hollywood films, for example, *Batman Forever*, *Goldeneye* and *Mission Impossible 2*.



Their lead singer is Paul Hewson, known as Bono. Q magazine has called him 'the most powerful man in music'. Bono has used his fame to campaign for international human rights and to fight AIDS in Africa.

* A Grammy is an American award for the best recorded music.

1. ANSWER these questions.

1. How many albums have U2 sold?.
2. Who is Bono?.
3. Where are they from?.
4. What is "With or without you"?.
5. How did U2 begin their music career?.
6. Why is Bono "the most powerful man in music"?.
7. When did the band U2 start (empezar)?.
8. When did they have their first big hit?.
9. Where did they form the band?.
10. What is Bono's real name?.

2. TRUE or FALSE.

1. Paul Hewson is "the most powerful man in music". _____
2. They were actors in films like: *Batman Forever*, *Goldeneye* and *MI 2*. _____
3. U2 are from Ireland. _____
4. Their album "With or without you" has made them famous all over the world. _____
5. U2 have composed more than 100 million albums worldwide. _____
6. Bono is worried (preocupado) about AIDS and human rights. _____
7. They never won a Grammy award. _____
8. Paul Hewson is not a famous person, but Bono is. _____

3. ANSWER these QUESTIONS. Make use of "SHORT ANSWERS".

1. Have they been actors in "Batman"?
2. Is Bono and Paul Hewson the same person?
3. Did U2 win a local music competition in 1979?
4. Have they sold more than 100 million albums in the USA?
5. Has Bono used his fame to become more popular?
6. Is U2 your favourite band?
7. Are their concerts usually popular?
8. Can you listen to their music at the cinema?

4. Find, in the TEXT, ONE/TWO words PRONOUNCED as...

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| 1. / /: | 3. / /: | 5. / /: | 7. / /: |
| 2. / /: | 4. / /: | 6. / /: | 8. / /: |

5. PHONETICS. Write the PRONUNCIATION of the underlined letter.

1	<u>S</u> HORT	/ʃ /	7	<u>T</u> IME	/t /
2	<u>L</u> ISTEN	/l /	8	<u>B</u> ABY	/b /
3	<u>C</u> AKE	/k /	9	<u>F</u> FLOOR	/f /
4	<u>T</u> ABLE	/t /	10	<u>S</u> MLE	/s /
5	<u>L</u> ONG	/l /	11	<u>M</u> ANY	/m /
6	<u>C</u> AT	/k /	12	<u>A</u> RM	/a /

6. Use FUTURE SIMPLE or "GOING TO".

1. "Take an umbrella with you!!". "It (rain) _____".
2. We (go) _____ to the theatre tonight at 8:00.
3. She can't meet us next Saturday. She (work) _____.
4. "Why are you putting on your coat?" "I (go out) _____".
5. Louis' pets (run) _____ very fast the day after tomorrow.
6. Listen!. We (swim) _____ today.

7. Write a TAG QUESTION for these sentences.

1. She will live in England next summer, _____?
2. Margaret isn't going to run the race, _____?
3. I wasn't invited to the party last weekend, _____?
4. Susan doesn't study at the University, _____?
5. We haven't got the red ball, _____?
6. We shall jump three times at school, _____?

8. Find and CORRECT the MISTAKES.

1. My sister Peggy fly to London next year.
2. The boy shalln't stay at a very good Hotel in Barcelona.
3. You are'nt going to be my English teacher now.
4. The children'll plays an important concert.
5. The Rolling Stones going to sing in Madrid in June.
6. Elisabeth is going to not open the door of the car.

9. Complete. Use these verbs and FUTURE SIMPLE.

READ WATCH DRIVE SMOKE EAT STOP WRITE VISIT

1. Max _____ "Titanic" in he cinema next weekend.
2. The bus _____ at the station at ten o'clock.
3. Sarah and John _____ the Eiffel Tower in Paris.
4. William Shakespeare _____ "Romeo and Juliet" again.
5. We _____ an apple and a banana.
6. Elisabeth _____ twenty cigarettes a week.
7. My little brother _____ a lot of magazines and books.
8. Next summer, I _____ my car.