

## Reading comprehension

Over and over, Taylor Swift has composed **breathtaking** songs that have **captivated** millions of fans all around the world. Her wonderful voice, coupled with **intriguing** lyrics, has made her one of the most **acclaimed** pop singers of all times. If we were to name one of the many amazing songs Taylor Swift has made, "Blank Space" would be one of them. With well over 3 billion views, the video song can be labeled "one of Taylor Swift's greatest successes" given its massive popularity. However, some facts can help you better understand the nuances behind its lyrics.

Firstly, "Blank Space" was thought to be a satirical self-referential nod, mainly because the media portrays Taylor Swift as "seductive and charming," but at the same time "an **unhinged** and manipulative serial-dater", hence the lyrics "Got a long list of ex-lovers; they tell you I'm insane", hence, the song itself is a critique to the media and how they portray the singer, which Taylor Swift saw it as "ridiculous and hilarious".

Consequently, a lot of interpretations were made by both the media and the people who heard the song. After it was uploaded, many people actually thought that Taylor Swift was embracing the fact that she was a crazy person, but others came to the conclusion that this song is the way the celebrity joked about the media's portrayal of herself while simultaneously adding a new style that incorporates a less idealized romance **aloof** from her previous songs at that period of time.

So, we can say that Blank Space not only showed that Taylor Swift not only can successfully bring forth a satirical song pointing out the outlandish claims the media has created about her, but also shows that as a singer, she is capable of **delving deeper into** the complex nature of relationships and love through a catchy melody and brilliant lyrics.

### 1) What's the author position on Taylor Swift?

- A) He thinks she is a wonderful person.
- B) He considers she is the same person the media describes.
- C) Praises her talent for creating meaningful songs.
- D) Compliments her attitude towards her critiques

### 2) The song "Blank Space" deeper meaning represents

- A) An ironic reference to Taylor Swift's supposed traits.
- B) A drama between a couple.
- C) Taylor Swift's extravagant luxuries.
- D) A reference to how love can be tough sometimes.

3) **What did some people think about the meaning behind the song “Blank Space”?**

- A) Her portrayal as a crazy person represents her displeasure towards her critiques.
- B) The mixture between relationship complexities and crude satire against the media.
- C) A more realistic outcome from relationships and the hardships from loving someone.
- D) A childish yet brilliant romance story incorporating catchy melody and profound lyrics.

4) **The text is about....**

- A) A review of Taylor Swift’s relationship affairs
- B) How the media can distort a celebrity’s image
- C) The singer’s talent for creating double-meaning songs.
- D) The implications that came forth before and after the song release.

5 ) **Which title fits this text the best?**

- A) Taylor Swift and her battle against the media through the song “Blank Space”
- B) Blank Space: Satire or an ingenious masterpiece?
- C) Relationships and its deeper meanings: Unraveled by “Blank Space”?
- D) Blank Space: How to express a disappointing love life

## Vocabulary Section

|                                  |                                                           |
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| Breath-taking (Adjective)        | Support and accept something (an idea, change or belief). |
| Captivate (Verb)                 | Insane or mentally unstable.                              |
| Intriguing (Adjective)           | Distant from someone or something.                        |
| Acclaimed (Adjective)            | Search something to gain more information                 |
| Unhinged (Adjective)             | Attract or hold the attention of people.                  |
| Aloof (adjective)                | Something inherently interesting.                         |
| Embrace (Verb)                   | Amazing, exciting, astonishing.                           |
| Delve deeper into (Phrasal verb) | Being praised, being highly spoken of                     |