I DREAMED A DREAM

For Susan Boyle, the last few years have been like a fairy tale. Before she appeared on a British TV talent show in 2009, she was a shy, middle-aged woman from Scotland. Then she sang 'I dreamed a dream' from the musical *Les Miserables* for her **audition** and she became famous overnight. She didn't win the contest, but the YouTube video of her **performance** has been watched by millions of people and her **debut** album *I dreamed a dream* has sold over 9 million copies.

The road to **stardom** hasn't been easy for Susan. She was born in 1961 in a small Scottish town, the youngest of nine children. She had some learning difficulties and was **bullied** at school. She left with few qualifications and she has had just one job as a cook at a college. But singing was always part of Susan's life – at school and at her local church and pub. She had singing lessons and auditioned for talent shows, but she never found the success she was looking for. It was her mother who encouraged her to enter the popular UK *Britain's Got Talent* show. The rest is history.

So, how has life changed for this unlikely **celebrity**? Things have never been quite the same since that extraordinary night in January 2009. She has performed to audiences of thousands of fans and has just completed a huge tour of the UK and the US. Known to **the press** - and to many of her fans - as SuBo, she has recorded six albums and sold millions of copies. Although she hasn't won a Grammy **award**, she has been **nominated** twice.

But Susan has never forgotten where she came from. She still lives in Scotland. She has bought a new house, but she hasn't sold the home where she grew up. She has never married or had children, but she has said that she would like to **adopt** a child. Her powerful voice has given pleasure to millions of fans all over the world. But above all, **perhaps**, she has been an **inspiration** for all the people who have ever wanted to follow a dream.

READING COMPREHENSION

What was the name of the song Susan Boyle sang at her audition?

How many copies has Susan Boyle's debut album "I Dreamed a Dream" sold?

How has Susan Boyle's life changed since her appearance on Britain's Got Talent in 2009? (Present Perfect)

What has Susan Boyle done to help her career in singing before she became famous?

Has Susan Boyle ever married or had children? (Present Perfect)

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