The Present Perfect

Queen - We Are The Champions

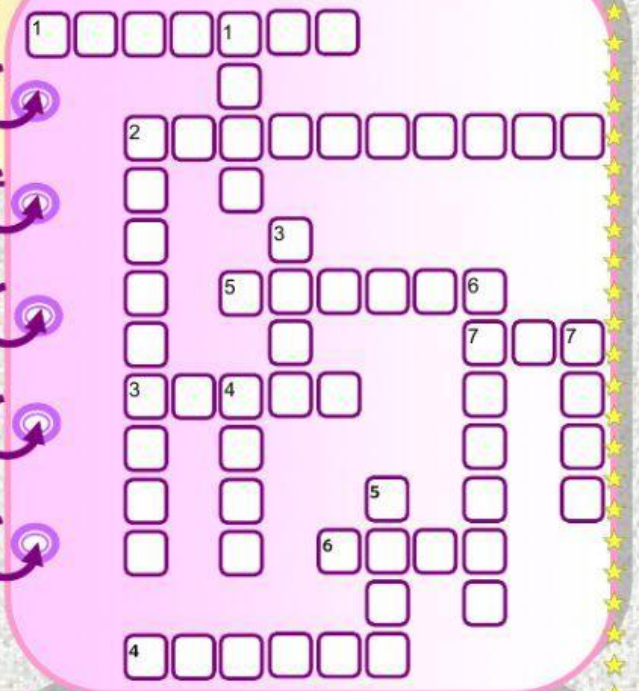
1. Match the phrases with their meanings.

A	paid my dues		acknowledging praise
B	time after time		has overcome the difficulties
C	done my sentence		success and wealth
D	committed no crime		acknowledge applause after shows
E	my share		repeatedly (again and again)
F	sand kicked in my face		to experience meanness
G	come through		the part that is mine
H	taken my bows		earned the right to something
I	curtain calls		innocent of wrong doing
J	fame and fortune		paid for my mistakes
K	no bed roses		something enjoyable
L	pleasure cruise		very difficult

2. Complete the crossword using the clues.

Give the past participle of the following verbs:

ACROSS	DOWN
1 bring	1 go
2 consider	2 commit
3 take	3 come
4 need	4 keep
5 fight	5 pay
6 make	6 thank
7 have	7 do



Queen & Freddie Mercury

Queen are a British rock band formed in London in 1970 and are one of the most commercially successful musical acts of all time. Freddie Mercury was born in Zanzibar. Because of the Zanzibar Revolution in 1964 the family moved to England. In 1970 Freddie Mercury (vocalist), Brian May (guitarist), John Deacon (bass guitar) and Roger Taylor (drummer) formed the band “Queen”. Freddie Mercury composed many hits such as "Don't Stop Me Now", "Bohemian Rhapsody", "I Want To Be Free", "Somebody to Love", "Crazy Little Thing Called Love", "Barcelona", and "We Are the Champions".

By 2009 Queen had sold more than 300 million albums internationally. Queen was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001. Freddie Mercury was diagnosed with AIDS in 1987. He died in 1991 at the age of 45.

We Are the Champions

This song was first recorded by Queen in 1977 - one of their most famous and popular songs, it has become an anthem for successful sport teams throughout the world.
In 2010 Queen appeared live on the American Idol stage to accompany finalists Adam Lambert and Kris Allen as they sang this famous song.

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3. Read about Queen and Freddie Mercury and answer the questions.

1 When was Queen formed? _____

2 Name three of the original members of Queen. _____

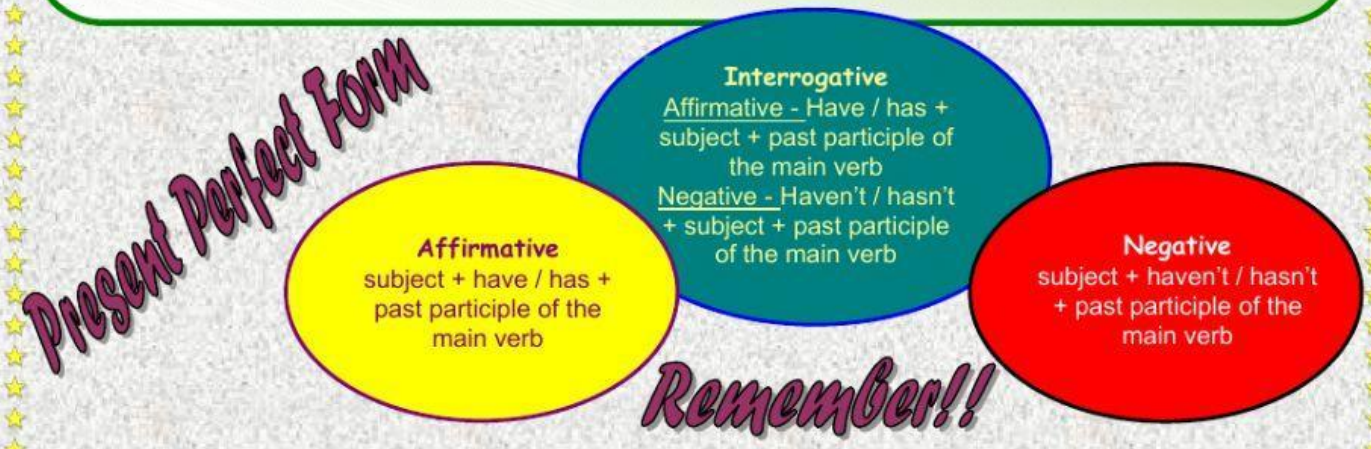
3 Where was Freddie Mercury born? _____

4 Name two famous songs composed by Freddie Mercury. _____

5 When was Queen inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? _____

6 How old was Freddie Mercury when he died? _____

7 When was "We Are the Champions" first recorded? _____



4. Now listen to the song and write the present perfect in the gaps using the words in brackets.

1 I _____ (pay) my dues, time after time;

2 I _____ (do) my sentence, but committed no crime

3 And bad mistakes, I _____(make) a few

4 I _____ (have) my share of sand kicked in my face,

5 But I _____ (come) through.

And I need to go on and on and on and on

5. Put the lines of the chorus into the correct order. Write the numbers in the boxes – the first one has been done for you.

No time for losers, 'cos

[ ] And we'll keep on fighting to the end

[ ] We are the champions, my friend

[1] We are the champions

[ ] We are the champions of the world

[ ] We are the champions

[ ]

6. Now listen to the next part and write the present perfect in the gaps using the words in brackets.

1 I _____ (take) my bows and my curtain calls

You brought me fame and fortune and everything that goes with it; I thank you all,

2 But it _____ (to be) no bed of roses, no pleasure cruise

I consider it a challenge before the whole human race

And I ain't gonna lose

7. Discuss the following questions with your partner / group.

1 Did you like the song? Why / Why not?

2 What do you think the song is about?

3 What type of film do you think could use this song as a soundtrack? Justify your answer.

4 Is the message positive or negative? Why?

5 Has the singer's life been easy? Why / Why not?

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