



Extra Training

Reading Task 8426

Read the texts and select the best heading to each text.

There is one heading you don't have to use.

Britney Spears is one of the most popular and most controversial stars of the new millennium. You love Britney or you hate her. Here are some reasons people give for these feelings.

I love Britney Spears because...

- (A) She's like a normal teenager. She has problems like anybody else. She gets spots. She goes crazy about movie stars. She once said: 'I want to be an artist that everyone can make friends with: young, happy and fun.'
- (B) She openly admits she doesn't sing everything herself but that's because she dances so much on stage. It would be impossible for anyone to sing and dance at the same time like she does.
- (C) She wrote all the lyrics to *Dear Diary!* on the new CD. And she wants to write the music for her songs too. She says: 'I always have melodies in my head. Usually in the bathtub.'¹
- (D) The new album is talking about being true to yourself and powerful. The message is 'what you see is what you get'. That sums up Britney. She's a new Girl Power for the new millennium.

I hate Britney Spears because...

- (E) You watch her on the stage and her lips aren't even moving with the voice that's singing. It's horrible. Even her record company said she couldn't sing when they first heard her!
- (F) How much of that body do you think is real? It's all implants and plastic surgery. She makes girls feel ugly. They may think that they have to look like Britney Spears and dress like her or else they're nobody.
- (G) She's like a can of Pepsi. It seems that her music is prepared in a laboratory by a clever manager who knows that what people really want is sex.
- (H) Her first top single *Hit Me Baby One More Time* encouraged people to be aggressive and 'hit' others. In the end the record company even changed the title to just ... *Baby One More Time*.

/adapted from: "I do not see what the big hoopla is about" IT'S Magazine/

- 1. She's talented,
- 2. She's not real.
- 3. She's like any other young person.
- 4. She's just a product.
- 5. She's honest.
- 6. She looks great.
- 7. She's a bad influence on young people.
- 8. She's strong.
- 9. She can't sing.



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