



Taylor Swift – She has received 11 Grammys and more than 400 other Music Awards and was recently listed as one of the 100 Most Influential People by Time Magazine.

She is a singer- songwriter, a producer, a director and an actress.

Her salary: US \$150 Million per year

Date of Birthday: December 13, 1989.

### Early Life (Simple Past / Past Continuous)

Taylor Alison Swift ..... (be born) on December 13, 1989, in Reading, Pennsylvania. Taylor Swift ..... (spend) her early years on her family's Christmas tree farm in nearby Wyomissing. Her grandmother had been a professional opera singer, and Swift soon ..... (follow) in her musical footsteps. By the age of 10, Swift .....(be/sing) at a variety of local events, including fairs and contests. She ..... (sing) "The Star-Spangled Banner" at a Philadelphia basketball game at the age of 11, and .....(begin ) writing her own songs and learning guitar at 12 years old.

To pursue her music career, Swift ..... (use) to go to Nashville, Tennessee, the country music capital. There, she co-wrote songs and ..... (try) to get a recording contract. Noting her dedication, her parents ..... (decide) to move to Hendersonville, Tennessee, in order to help Swift's career.

A performance at The Bluebird Café in Nashville .....  
(help) Swift to get a contract with Scott Borchetta's Big  
Machine Records. She released her first single, "Tim  
McGraw," in 2006, and the song .....(become)  
a Top 10 hit on the country charts.

In October of that same year, she..... (sell) more  
than 5 million copies. More popular singles soon followed,  
including "Our Song," a No. 1 country music hit. "Teardrops  
on My Guitar," "Picture to Burn" and "Should've Said No"  
..... (be) also successful tracks.

### **Romance (Simple Present)**

Taylor Swift's romantic life..... (be) a hot topic  
in the media on any given day. She .....(talk)  
about falling in love and keeping the relationship private  
during her disappearance before releasing the album  
Reputation. She ..... (describe) herself as  
being happy in a relationship in a true and pure way.

### **Politics and Prejudice (Simple Present/ Present Continuous)**

Taylor Swift .....(be) constantly.....(ask) friends  
and collaborators for their opinions on how she can use her  
voice in order to help create a better world for all people. She  
.....(be) also .....(discuss) the prejudice  
many people being raised in this society was born with. She  
also.....(state) that nowadays she  
.....(have) strong beliefs in human rights.

