

Reading Exercise 1-OL9-ENT1225



BRITband Coldplay

Coldplay are from Britain. The singer is Chris Martin. Jonny Buckland plays the guitar, Guy Berryman plays the bass guitar, and Will Champion plays the drums.

The band started in 1996 when Chris Martin met Jonny Buckland at university in London. At first their name was Pectoralz, then Starfish, but they changed to Coldplay in 1997. They became famous in June 2000 with the song *Yellow* and their first album, *Parachutes*, won a Grammy for Best Alternative Music Album in 2002.



Their second album was *A Rush of Blood to the Head* which came out in August 2002. This album also won a Grammy and the song *Clocks* was Record of the Year in 2004. They made a third album, *X & Y*, in 2005 and a fourth album, *Viva la Vida*, in 2008. *Viva la Vida* is a little different from the first three albums because it has a more Hispanic style.

Coldplay have sold more than 32.5 million albums. They are famous all over the world and you can hear their songs on the radio nearly every day.

Read the text and mark the sentences T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Will Champion plays the guitar. F
- 2 Chris met Jonny at university. —
- 3 They changed their name in 1996. —
- 4 Their first album wasn't popular. —
- 5 They made their second album in 2002. —
- 6 *Viva la Vida* isn't the same as the other albums. —
- 7 Coldplay don't sell a lot of albums. —