

What's it like to be called Beyoncé?

An interview with Beyoncé's teenage namesake has gone viral as other celebrity name doubles like Kelly Rowland, Kaity Perry and Bridgett Jones sympathised with her on photography site Humans of New York



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Beyoncé is on the news again but this time, it isn't the pop star's face that is viral on the Internet. Last week, street photographer Brandon Stanton had an interview with a young girl for his blog, "Humans of New York," and now her story is viral.

"Humans of New York" is a photoblog. In it, Brandon Stanton posts photographs and short interviews from everyday people that he meets in New York. The blog, which started in 2010, has more than 12.5m likes on Facebook and more than 2.8 million followers on Instagram.

In this week's interview, the young Beyoncé says: "Sometimes I hate my name because it always draws attention to me, and I'm not a very social person. I was so scared the first day of school that someone would learn my name. I didn't want to adjust my seat because I was scared of making a noise. One time I really had to cough, but I held it in. When the teacher started calling attendance, I got really nervous, because every time people learn my name is Beyoncé, somebody starts singing Single Ladies. And some did, of course. But the second day of school wasn't too bad. Because everyone knew my name."

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A. Decide if the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

- 1) Humans of New York is an Internet project.
- 2) Humans of New York is very popular.
- 3) Singer Beyoncé appeared on Humans of New York in 2015.
- 4) The young Beyoncé likes the attention that she receives.
- 5) The young Beyoncé's school is terrible.

B. Do you know "Humans of New York"? If not, check it out!

<https://www.instagram.com/humansofny>