

# Taylor Swift

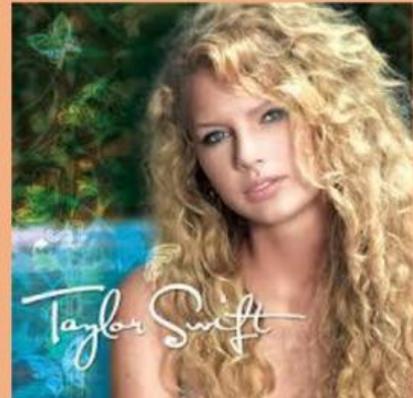


She was born December 13, 1989, West Pennsylvania, U.S. She is a multitasking singer-songwriter and global superstar who has captivated audiences with her heartfelt lyrics and catchy melodies, solidifying herself as one of the most influential artists in contemporary music. In 2024 she made history when she won the Grammy Award for album of the year for *Midnights* (2022), becoming the first artist to win in that category four times.

## Early life

Swift showed an interest in music at an early age, and she progressed quickly from roles in children's theater to her first appearance before a crowd of thousands. She was age 11 when she sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" before a Philadelphia 76ers basketball game, and the following year she picked up the guitar and began to write songs. Taking her inspiration from country music artists such as Shania Twain and the Dixie Chicks (now the Chicks), Swift crafted original material that reflected her experiences of tween alienation. When she was 13, Swift's parents sold their farm in Pennsylvania to move to Hendersonville, Tennessee, so she could devote more of her time to courting country labels in nearby Nashville.

On Swift's second album, *Fearless* (2008), she demonstrated a refined pop sensibility, managing to court the mainstream pop audience without losing sight of her country roots. With sales of more than half a million copies in its first week, *Fearless* opened at number one on the Billboard 200 chart. It ultimately spent more time atop that chart than any other album released that decade. Singles such as "You Belong with Me" and "Love Story" were popular in the digital market as well, the latter accounting for more than four million paid downloads.



**Choose the correct answer.**

1. Where was Taylor Swift born?
  - a) New York City, U.S.
  - b) Los Angeles, California, U.S.
  - c) West Pennsylvania, U.S.
  - d) Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.

2. In which year was Taylor Swift born?
  - a) 1987
  - b) 1988
  - c) 1989
  - d) 1990
  
3. Which of the following statements is true about Taylor Swift?
  - a) She is primarily known as an actress.
  - b) She won her first Grammy Award in 2024.
  - c) She is from Texas.
  - d) She is a singer-songwriter.
  
4. At what age did Taylor Swift start showing interest in music?
  - a) 5
  - b) 8
  - c) 11
  - d) 15
  
5. Which music artists influenced Taylor Swift's early career?
  - a) Madonna and Britney Spears
  - b) Beyoncé and Rihanna
  - c) Shania Twain and the Dixie Chicks
  - d) Justin Timberlake and Bruno Mars
  
6. What was the title of Taylor Swift's second album?
  - a) Speak Now
  - b) Fearless
  - c) Red
  - d) 1989
  
7. How many times has Taylor Swift won the Grammy Award for Album of the Year?
  - a) Once
  - b) Twice
  - c) Three times
  - d) Four times
  
8. What was the title of the album that made Taylor Swift the first artist to win the Grammy Award for Album of the Year four times?
  - a) Reputation
  - b) Lover
  - c) Midnights
  - d) Folklore
  
9. In which city did Taylor Swift sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" before a Philadelphia 76ers basketball game at age 11?
  - a) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
  - b) New York City, New York
  - c) Nashville, Tennessee
  - d) Los Angeles, California

10. What was the first musical instrument Taylor Swift learned to play?

- a) Piano
- b) Violin
- c) Guitar
- d) Drums