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Westlife 西域男孩

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

Westlife have had amazing success in the UK and around the world, but did you know that the Irish boy band have now become the most successful chart act in the UK since the Beatles?

They have just clocked up their thirteenth number one single with "You Raise Me Up", and at the same time their new album "Face to Face" is topping the UK Album Chart.

Westlife are the only band to match the Beatles' record of having seven consecutive number ones in the British charts. Their run of hits started with their debut single back in 1999, and ended in 2000 with their hit "My Love".

Their single following that "Tell Me What Makes A Man" only made it to number two in the charts. They were prevented from beating the Beatles' record, by the theme tune to the well-known British children's animation "Bob the Builder"!!

As well as sharing the record for the most consecutive number one hits, Westlife are also the only band to have their first seven singles reach the top of the charts.

Westlife can also take some credit for a record broken by another artist. TV talent show winner and successful British pop star Will Young, holds the record for the fastest-selling debut single.

His 2002 song "Evergreen", sold 1.1 million in the first week. However, the song was originally a Westlife song. It was never a single for them, but it featured on their album "World of our Own".

Critics of the band claim they have only managed to achieve success comparable to the Beatles because of declining singles sales. A song today can reach number one selling only several thousand copies, compared to the millions the Beatles had to sell to top the charts.

But many would argue that Westlife's continuing success is a remarkable achievement in an industry where pop bands come and go all the time.



Glossary 词汇表

chart act 流行组合	theme tune 主题乐
clocked up 拿到	animation 动画片
topping the charts (流行)榜上夺冠	to take credit for something (参与)有份儿
to match 相配, 相称, 匹配	to hold the record 保持纪录
a record 纪录	critics 评论家
consecutive 连续的; 联贯的	comparable to 比得上的; 可比较的
run of hits 星运	declining singles sales 单曲销量下滑
debut single 首张(面市)的单曲	remarkable 显著的, 非凡的, 值得注意的,
prevented (被)阻止; 避免	industry 产业, 行业
beating 打, 挫败	to come and go 来来往往

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Westlife are from England. True / False
2. Westlife have had twelve number one singles in the UK. True / False
3. Westlife's very first single was released in 1999. True / False
4. Westlife have never released a single called "Evergreen". True / False
5. You need to sell more records now than ever before to get a number one record. True / False

2. Superlatives (形容词或副词) 的最高级

Complete the following sentences by circling the correct word. There is only one correct way to construct each of the superlatives.

以下的每个句子里只有一个正确的最高级. 请圈出正确答案.

1. Westlife are the successfulest/most successful chart act since the Beatles.
2. Westlife's recentest/most recent album is called "Face to Face".
3. Number one is the highest/most high position you can reach in the charts.
4. The fastest/most fast selling single in the UK was originally a Westlife song.
5. Westlife CDs are always bestest sellers/best sellers.



3. Vocabulary 词汇

Match the adjectives with the correct definition.

请为以下的形容词从a至e中选出正确的定义

record-breaking	a. first
consecutive	b. famous
debut	c. getting to number one in the charts
well-known	d. one after the other
chart-topping	e. beating a record that already exists

Now complete the sentences using the most appropriate adjective.

请选用适当的形容词完成以下语句.

1. The band were very nervous when they released their second single because their _____ single had been so successful.
2. "You Raise Me Up" is another _____-_____ single for Westlife – it's their thirteenth number one in the UK.
3. The Beatles were the first band to have seven _____ number ones in the UK charts.
4. Will Young is a _____-_____ artist – his first single is the fastest selling single ever in the UK.
5. Bob the Builder is a _____-_____ children's animation in the UK.



4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Westlife and the charts in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与 焰火之夜 有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

c	h	a	r	t	s	u	c	w	v	b	s
y	o	k	i	j	m	i	n	q	e	c	u
r	e	c	o	r	d	p	n	r	h	o	c
w	t	w	n	u	e	a	s	g	z	n	c
e	b	c	e	l	b	l	a	n	l	s	e
s	i	o	j	s	u	o	a	r	b	e	s
t	r	v	y	h	t	c	y	n	g	c	s
l	e	d	e	b	s	w	f	b	d	u	f
i	y	s	l	p	a	c	f	g	r	t	u
f	d	a	i	f	g	n	w	k	w	i	l
e	h	r	b	n	o	r	d	l	o	v	s
c	b	n	u	m	b	e	r	o	n	e	v

Westlife	boy band	Ireland	number one	debut
consecutive	record	charts	successful	single



Answers 答案

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

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4. Westlife have never released a single called "Evergreen". **True**
5. You need to sell more records now than ever before to get a number one record. **False**

3. Vocabulary

- a. first = **debut**
 - b. famous = **well-known**
 - c. getting to number one in the charts = **chart-topping**
 - d. one after the other = **consecutive**
 - e. beating a record that already exists = **record-breaking**
1. The band were very nervous when they released their second single because their **debut** single had been so successful.
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2. Superlatives

1. Westlife are the **most successful** chart act since the Beatles.
2. Westlife's **most recent** album is called "Face to Face".
3. Number one is the **highest** position you can reach in the charts.
4. The **fastest** selling single in the UK was originally a Westlife song.
5. Westlife CDs are always **best sellers**.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

c	h	a	r	t	s					s	
			i		i				c	u	
r	e	c	o	r	d		n		o	c	
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s		o		u		a			e	s	
t			y	t			n		c	s	
l				b				d	u	f	
i				a					t	u	
f					n				i	l	
e						d			v		
			n	u	m	b	e	r	o	n	e