

**Part 1**

# BILLIE EILISH AND FINNEAS

**1. Match the following expressions to their meanings: (you can use a dictionary)**

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| a) get through      | - being taught at home instead of going to school       |
| b) to top something | - to contact someone regularly to make sure they're OK. |
| c) sullen           | - to spend time with someone                            |
| d) check in with    | - to end or overcome a situation                        |
| e) home-schooled    | - to finish something, leave something behind           |
| f) hang out with    | - unfriendly, angry, unwilling to smile                 |
| g) come out         | - unhappy   |
| h) joyless          | - to do better than someone or something else.          |

**2. Now, **watch** the interview and try to answer as many questions as possible:**

<https://youtu.be/HVVN1fmUjXM?si=kC3v0Ga9mAo57CSF>

- 1) Where did Billie Eilish sing when she was a little girl?
- 2) What is the name of her number 1 song? How many times has it been streamed?
- 3) Did she ever dream of the success she's enjoying now?
- 4) Who is Finneas O'Connell?

- 5) How old was Billie when they recorded their first hit? How was it called?
- 6) Why did Billie think she was a terrible songwriter? What did Finneas think about his singing? How did they complement each other?
- 7) Where does Billie live at the moment? Where do her parents sleep and why?
- 8) Where was the album recorded?
- 9) Why wouldn't radios play her songs at the beginning? What does Billie Eilish think about that reaction?
- 10) What mental struggles has Billie suffered in the past? How has fame affected them?
- 11) How did her parents react to her depression?
- 12) How did she get through it?
- 13) How many nominations to the Grammys do Billie and Finneas have?
- 14) How does Billie feel about the pressure to top or maintain her present achievements?

## Part 2

### 3. Match the following expressions to their meanings:

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| i) catch someone's ear | - new and exciting  |
| j) accomplishment      | - a song that has the same title as a film or an album                                      |
| k) siblings            | - happening extremely fast and with little control over events, like in a tornado           |
| l) whirlwind           | - something difficult that you achieve  |
| m) breakout (adj)      | - attract someone's attention (not through sight, but hearing)                              |
| n) title track         | - brothers and/or sisters   |
| o) push the envelope   | - suddenly and extremely popular and successful   |
| p) hot                 | - behave or dress in an extreme fashion, go beyond the limits of what is common or accepted |

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- 1) How many views did "Bad Guy" get on YouTube?
- 2) How many Grammy awards did Billie Eilish win? What was her main achievement at the Grammys?

- 3) Where was her debut album recorded?
- 4) What is her latest achievement? What is the title of the song?
- 5) Who collaborated with Billie and Finneas in composing the song?
- 6) How does Billie's and Finneas's personal relationship reflect their professional partnership?
- 7) When did they start releasing their music?
- 8) What other hits became popular apart from "Ocean Eyes"?
- 9) How did she feel about Justin Bieber talking about her?
- 10) What did Finneas think about writing the song for the 007 film?
- 11) What other artists have written songs for the James Bond films?
- 12) How does she feel about all her present achievements?

### Part 3 -reading

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Billie Eilish was barely a teenager when her song "Ocean Eyes" became a viral hit. She teamed with her brother, Finneas O'Connell, to create the tracks for the breakout EP *Don't Smile at Me* and the smash album *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?*, establishing the artist as a global sensation and seven-time Grammy winner before the age of 20. To date, she has won nine Grammy Awards and is known for the songs "Bad Guy," "Everything I Wanted," and "What Was I Made For?" from the *Barbie* movie soundtrack.

#### Early Life and Family

Billie Eilish was born on December 18, 2001, in Los Angeles. Her full name is Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell.

Billie's parents, Maggie Baird and Patrick O'Connell, were longtime actors before joining their teenage daughter's professional team. Raised in a two-bedroom house in Highland Park, where she and her brother were homeschooled, Eilish was encouraged to pursue her interests in dance, gymnastics, horseback riding and especially music. She learned to play the Beatles' "I Will" on the ukulele at age 6; joined Los Angeles Children's Chorus at age 8; and began writing songs by age 11, her talents nurtured through her mother's songwriting class. Eilish has said her first "real" song, "Fingers Crossed," was penned around that time after watching an episode of *The Walking Dead*.

**Vocabulary : Find in the text the words or expressions meaning:**

- a) A song known worldwide is a song that goes .....
- b) Be a partner with= to.....
- c) The fact that she won 7 Grammy awards made her a .....
- d) The songs in a movie make the .....
- e) Her parents have been actors for years, they are .....
- f) A house with 2 bedrooms is a .....
- g) A teen who doesn't go to school but learns at home is .....
- h) The famous tahitian guitar is a .....

**Part 4 Writing:** what is your favourite Billie Eilsh song? Why?

**Grammar help : the present perfect (simple reconnaissance, sera étudié plus tard)**

**Has/have + participe passé**

**I have bought** Billie E. 's latest album.

**My friend has been** to her concert. (3eme personne singulier)

On parle d'une expérience, de ce qu'on a fait. Elle n'est pas datée.

**Exercise : Write down the sentences. Use the present perfect simple tense.**

Example: Snoopy / catch / a mouse. Snoopy has caught a mouse.

1. Brian / play / football  
.
2. Susan / read / her new book  
.
3. I / find / some money in the street  
.
4. Mr and Mrs Baker / have / an accident  
.
5. Tom Davis / win / the tennis match  
.
6. Alison Brown / lose / her keys  
.
7. Mr Martin / make / breakfast for the boys  
.
8. The girls / bring / some wood for the fire  
.
9. The Snows / complete / a cheap car insurance

**You can find the irregular verbs online ! ☺ have fun !**