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Record breaking 96-year-old DJ retires

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

A 96-year-old DJ has retired after broadcasting for more than seven decades. Ray Cordeiro hosted his final radio show in Hong Kong. It has been running on the RTHK station since 1970. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary broadcaster in Hong Kong and is a household name for several generations of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided it was the right time to hang up his boots on his show All The Way With Ray on Saturday night. He ended his final programme with his customary words: "Well, that's it. Thank you very much for tuning in. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "luckiest man in the world". He told listeners: "To do what I want to do, to love what I want to love. I don't think I have any regrets."

Ray Cordeiro is affectionately called Uncle Ray. He is known for his trademark baritone voice and for wearing a flat cap. His shows were full of easy-listening music and chat in English and Cantonese. In 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records awarded him the title of the world's most durable DJ. His fame extended beyond the shores of Hong Kong. In his role as Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names in the music industry, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said: "Working these past many months in the presence of COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am in the high-risk demographic."

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WARM-UPS

1. RADIO SHOWS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about radio shows. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

DJ / retired / broadcasting / radio / a household name / generation / goodbye / regret trademark / baritone voice / title / fame / music industry / decision / retire / high risk

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DJ: Students A **strongly** believe DJs have a very important job; Students B **strongly** believe they don't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MUSIC: What are the good and bad things about these things for listening to music? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Radio		
Streaming		
Concert hall		
Podcast		
TV		
You Tube		

5. STATION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "station". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. RADIO SHOWS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best radio shows at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Easy-listening
- Politics
- Sports
- Gardening
- Local news
- Language learning
- World news
- Pop music

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. broadcasting | a. All of the people born around the same time, thought of as a group. |
| 2. decade | b. Feel sad or disappointed over something that has happened or been done, especially a loss or missed opportunity. |
| 3. legendary | c. Sending a radio or television show to listeners or viewers. |
| 4. household name | d. A period of ten years. |
| 5. generation | e. Commonly known by a lot of people. |
| 6. customary | f. According to a person's usual practice or ways. |
| 7. regret | g. Very, very well known; famous. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. affectionately | h. A particular area of economic or commercial activity. |
| 9. trademark | i. Made larger. |
| 10. baritone | j. Able to withstand pressure; having endurance. |
| 11. durable | k. In a way that displays fondness or tenderness. |
| 12. extended | l. Relating to the structure of populations. |
| 13. industry | m. A habit, quality, or way of life that is typical of someone. |
| 14. demographic | n. A kind of deep voice. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A man who worked as a DJ for over 70 years retired. **T / F**
2. The man founded and set up a radio station called RTHK in 1970. **T / F**
3. The DJ was known for hanging up his boots in his studio. **T / F**
4. The DJ is full of regrets about his career. **T / F**
5. The DJ was well known for playing opera - especially baritone voices. **T / F**
6. The Guinness Book of World Records said he was the oldest ever DJ. **T / F**
7. The DJ got to know the group The Beatles. **T / F**
8. The DJ is resigning because of fears over COVID-19. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. running | a. traditional |
| 2. veteran | b. recognized |
| 3. customary | c. adore |
| 4. luckiest | d. business |
| 5. love | e. airing |
| 6. known | f. acclaimed |
| 7. awarded | g. most fortunate |
| 8. celebrated | h. precarious |
| 9. industry | i. long-serving |
| 10. high-risk | j. given |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. broadcasting for more than | a. risk demographic |
| 2. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary | b. in the music industry |
| 3. a household name for | c. tuning in |
| 4. Thank you very much for | d. seven decades |
| 5. I don't think I have | e. broadcaster |
| 6. He is known for his trademark | f. his decision to retire |
| 7. Hong Kong's most | g. any regrets |
| 8. some of the biggest names | h. baritone voice |
| 9. COVID-19 affected | i. celebrated broadcaster |
| 10. knowing that I am in the high- | j. several generations |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

A 96-year-old DJ has (1) _____ after broadcasting for more than seven decades. Ray Cordeiro (2) _____ his final radio show in Hong Kong. It has been (3) _____ on the RTHK station since 1970. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary broadcaster in Hong Kong and is a household name for several (4) _____ of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided it was the right time to (5) _____ his boots on his show All The Way With Ray on Saturday night. He ended his final programme with his (6) _____ words: "Well, that's it. Thank you very much for (7) _____ in. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "luckiest man in the world". He told listeners: "To do what I want to do, to love what I want to love. I don't think I have any (8) _____."

hang up
running
regrets
retired
generations
tuning
hosted
customary

Ray Cordeiro is (9) _____ called Uncle Ray. He is known for his trademark baritone voice and for wearing a flat (10) _____. His shows were full of easy-listening music and chat in English and Cantonese. In 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records (11) _____ him the title of the world's most durable DJ. His fame extended beyond the (12) _____ of Hong Kong. In his role as Hong Kong's most (13) _____ broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names in the music (14) _____, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said: "Working these past many months in the (15) _____ of COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am in the high-risk (16) _____."

awarded
celebrated
presence
affectionately
demographic
shores
cap
industry

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

- 1) A 96-year-old DJ has retired after broadcasting for more _____
 - a. than sevens decades
 - b. that's even decades
 - c. than seven decades
 - d. them seven decades
- 2) The veteran DJ decided it was the right time to hang _____
 - a. up this beauts
 - b. up his duties
 - c. up his pouts
 - d. up his boots
- 3) With Ray on Saturday night. He ended his final programme with _____
 - a. his customary words
 - b. this customary words
 - c. his custom airy words
 - d. this custom Mary words
- 4) Well, that's it. Thank you very much _____
 - a. for tuning in
 - b. for turning in
 - c. for tune in
 - d. for tuner in
- 5) I don't think I _____
 - a. have any egrets
 - b. have any rig lets
 - c. have any regrets
 - d. have any regress
- 6) Cordeiro is affectionately called Uncle Ray. He is known for his trademark _____
 - a. baritone voice
 - b. barely a tone voice
 - c. atonal voice
 - d. barrier tone voice
- 7) His shows were full of easy-listening _____
 - a. muse and chat
 - b. music and chat
 - c. muse, sick and chat
 - d. music kind chat
- 8) The Guinness Book of World Records awarded him the title of the world's _____
 - a. must durable DJ
 - b. most doable DJ
 - c. most durable DJ
 - d. must doable DJ
- 9) His fame extended beyond the _____
 - a. shorts of Hong Kong
 - b. shares of Hong Kong
 - c. sure of Hong Kong
 - d. shores of Hong Kong
- 10) COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am in the _____
 - a. high-risk demonstration
 - b. high-risk demagoguery
 - c. high-risk demo traffic
 - d. high-risk demographic

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Ray Cordeiro (7) _____ Uncle Ray. He is known for his trademark (8) _____ for wearing a flat cap. His shows were full of easy-listening music and chat in English and Cantonese. In 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records awarded him the title of the world's most durable DJ. His (9) _____ the shores of Hong Kong. In his role as Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names in (10) _____, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said: "Working these past many months in (11) _____ COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am in the (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

1. For how long was Ray Cordeiro a DJ?
2. When did the radio station RTHK begin broadcasting?
3. What did Ray decide it was time for him to do to his boots?
4. How lucky did Ray say he felt?
5. What did Ray say he didn't have any of?
6. What is the DJ's nickname?
7. What two languages did Ray use on his radio show?
8. What title did the Guinness Book of World Records give to him?
9. What is the big music industry name that Ray got to know?
10. What did Ray say he was in regarding COVID-19?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

- 1) For how long was Ray Cordeiro a DJ?
 - a) around 70 years
 - b) exactly 70 years
 - c) over 70 years
 - d) just under 70 years
- 2) When did the radio station RTHK begin broadcasting?
 - a) 1970
 - b) 1971
 - c) 1972
 - d) 1973
- 3) What did Ray decide it was time for him to do to his boots?
 - a) polish them
 - b) hang them up
 - c) change them
 - d) do them up
- 4) How lucky did Ray say he felt?
 - a) not at all lucky
 - b) a little lucky
 - c) very lucky
 - d) the luckiest man in the world
- 5) What did Ray say he didn't have any of?
 - a) Lady Gaga's records
 - b) favourite songs
 - c) regrets
 - d) CDs
- 6) What is the DJ's nickname?
 - a) Ray Ray
 - b) Uncle Ray
 - c) Easy Ray
 - d) Man Ray
- 7) What two languages did Ray use on his radio show?
 - a) Mandarin and Portuguese
 - b) Portuguese and English
 - c) Portuguese and Cantonese
 - d) English and Cantonese
- 8) What title did the Guinness Book of World Records give to him?
 - a) the world's oldest DJ
 - b) the world's most durable DJ
 - c) the world's oddest DJ
 - d) the world's luckiest DJ
- 9) What is the big music industry name that Ray got to know?
 - a) the Stones
 - b) the Beatles
 - c) the Who
 - d) the Doors
- 10) What did Ray say he was in regarding COVID-19?
 - a) a high-risk demographic
 - b) a quandary
 - c) a mess
 - d) a fit of rage

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Easy-listening Music

You think easy-listening music is the best thing to listen to on the radio. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): language learning, world news or local news.

Role B – Language Learning

You think language learning is the best thing to listen to on the radio. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): easy-listening music, world news or local news.

Role C – World News

You think world news is the best thing to listen to on the radio. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): language learning, easy-listening music or local news.

Role D – Local News

You think local news is the best thing to listen to on the radio. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): language learning, world news or easy-listening music.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'record' and 'retire'.

record	retire
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• decades• running• legendary• boots• tuning• any	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• called• cap• chat• fame• names• risk
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RADIO SHOWS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about radio shows in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

RADIO SHOWS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'record'?
3. What do you think of DJs?
4. What kind of people make good DJs?
5. Would you like the same career for seven decades?
6. Who is your favourite DJ or radio presenter?
7. What do you think of radio shows?
8. Is music radio or chat radio best?
9. Do you have any regrets?
10. What do you want to do in life?

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RADIO SHOWS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'retire'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is there any need for radio in this Internet age?
15. What do you think of easy-listening radio shows?
16. What kind of DJ do you think you would be?
17. What advice do you have for Ray?
18. What do you think Ray should do next?
19. In what ways is radio better than television?
20. What questions would you like to ask the DJ?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) retried | (b) retread | (c) retired | (d) ruttled |
| 2. | (a) running | (b) ruing | (c) ruin | (d) roaming |
| 3. | (a) household | (b) homework | (c) homely | (d) hometown |
| 4. | (a) hang | (b) Hoover | (c) hover | (d) bother |
| 5. | (a) of | (b) with | (c) as | (d) up |
| 6. | (a) agates | (b) egrets | (c) regress | (d) regrets |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) for | (d) at |
| 8. | (a) dural | (b) durian | (c) duress | (d) durable |
| 9. | (a) shores | (b) shorts | (c) spores | (d) stores |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) as | (d) to |
| 11. | (a) reflected | (b) affected | (c) infected | (d) confected |
| 12. | (a) known | (b) knowledge | (c) knowing | (d) know-all |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

Paragraph 1

1. for more than seven dcaedse
2. Cordeiro is a erneyagld broadcaster
3. for several aeingsgortn
4. The taeevnr DJ decided it was the right time
5. his sryactmuo words
6. Thank you very much for tnignu in

Paragraph 2

7. nfeytlaofaietc called Uncle Ray
8. his trademark eanortbi voice
9. the world's most dbaurle DJ
10. the biggest names in the music rnisdyyt
11. COVID-19 affected his siedcino to retire
12. I am in the high-risk ochigmeadrp

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said: "Working these past many months
- () durable DJ. His fame extended beyond the shores of Hong Kong. In his role as Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to
- () man in the world". He told listeners: "To do what I want to do, to love what I want to love. I don't think I have any regrets."
- () it was the right time to hang up his boots on his show All The Way With Ray on Saturday
- () know some of the biggest names in the music industry, including the Beatles. He said
- () Ray Cordeiro is affectionately called Uncle Ray. He is known for his trademark baritone voice and for
- (**1**) A 96-year-old DJ has retired after broadcasting for more than seven decades. Ray Cordeiro hosted his
- () broadcaster in Hong Kong and is a household name for several generations of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided
- () in the presence of COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am in the high-risk demographic."
- () wearing a flat cap. His shows were full of easy-listening music and chat in English and
- () final radio show in Hong Kong. It has been running on the RTHK station since 1970. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary
- () Cantonese. In 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records awarded him the title of the world's most
- () very much for tuning in. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "luckiest
- () night. He ended his final programme with his customary words: "Well, that's it. Thank you

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

1. has on It the been since 1970 . station
2. several name a is for household generations . He
3. boots . up The his right time hang to
4. customary programme words . with ended his He his
5. want do . what I to do To
6. for his baritone He known is trademark voice .
7. shows of easy-listening full were His music .
8. the of most title durable The DJ . world's
9. the industry . biggest in music names The
10. high-risk I in Knowing that the demographic . am

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

A 96-year-old DJ has *retired / retried* after broadcasting for more than seven decades. Ray Cordeiro hosted his final radio *shown / show* in Hong Kong. It has been running on the RTHK station *for / since* 1970. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary broadcaster in Hong Kong and is a household name for *severed / several* generations of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided it was the right time to hang *on / up* his boots on his show All The Way With Ray on Saturday night. He *ending / ended* his final programme with his customary words: "Well, that's it. Thank you very much for *tuning / turning* in. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "*luckless / luckiest* man in the world". He told listeners: "To *do / doing* what I want to do, to love what I want to love. I don't think I have any *regrets / regress*."

Ray Cordeiro is affectionately called Uncle Ray. He is *knowing / known* for his trademark baritone voice and for *worn / wearing* a flat cap. His shows were full of easy-listening music and chat in English and Cantonese. In 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records *awards / awarded* him the title of the world's most durable DJ. His *fame / frame* extended beyond the *shores / shorts* of Hong Kong. In his *roll / role* as Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names *on / in* the music industry, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision *by / to* retire. He said: "Working these *past / passed* many months in the presence of COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am *in / on* the high-risk demographic."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

96-year-old DJ has retired after broadcasting from then seven decades. Ray Charles has finally shown an Hong Kong. It has been running on the RTHK station since 1970. Mr Charles is legendary broadcaster on Hong Kong and his household name for several generations of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided it was the right time to hang up his boots in his show. The Way With Ray on Saturday night. He ended his final programme with his customary words: "Well, that's it. Thank you very much for tuning in. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "luckiest man in the world". He told listeners: "I don't want to die, I love what I do. I don't think I have any regrets."

Ray Charles is affectionately called 'Blind Ray'. He is known for his trademark bristly voice and for wearing a flat cap. His shows were full of sympathy listening music and chat in English and Cantonese. In 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records awarded him the title of the world's most durable DJ. His fame extended beyond the shores of Hong Kong. In his role as Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names in the music industry, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said: "Working this past many months in the presence of COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am in the high-risk demographic."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **radio shows** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Radio is better than television. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. RADIO SHOWS: Make a poster about radio shows. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RADIO: Write a magazine article about all of us being encouraged to listen to the radio more often. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on radio shows. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions of radio shows. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 F 4 F 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. i	3. a	4. g	5. c
6. b	7. j	8. f	9. d	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. More than seven decades
2. 1970
3. Hang them up
4. The luckiest man in the world
5. Regrets
6. Uncle Ray
7. English and Cantonese
8. The world's most durable DJ
9. The Beatles
10. A high-risk demographic

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. It has been on the station since 1970.
2. He is a household name for several generations.
3. The right time to hang up his boots.
4. He ended his programme with his customary words.
5. To do what I want to do.
6. He is known for his trademark baritone voice.
7. His shows were full of easy-listening music.
8. The title of the world's most durable DJ.
9. The biggest names in the music industry.
10. Knowing that I am in the high-risk demographic.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)