

# EZ Celebrity Reader

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# INTRODUCTION

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Most everyone enjoys reading about celebrities. The easy-to-read mini-biographies in this book are sure to capture students' attention. Each story is accompanied by activities that test comprehension, enrich vocabulary and enhance following direction skills. Exercises include questions, cloze reading, crossword puzzles, sentence writing and more. An answer key is provided.

Interest level is grades 3-12. Reading level is grades 2-3.

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# MEG RYAN

**words to know**

ac • tress  
mov • ies  
A • mer • i • ca  
films  
sweet • heart



Meg Ryan is an actress. She started acting when she was 20. Many of her movies are love stories. They are also very funny. People love her films. She has been called “America’s Sweetheart”.

1. Who is Meg Ryan? \_\_\_\_\_
2. At what age did she start acting? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Many of her movies are what kind? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why do you think she has been called “America’s Sweetheart”? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Try this:** Write as many 3-letter words as you can using the letters in **MEG RYAN**.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

love	actress	America's	also	20	films
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Choose a word from the box to fit in each space below.

Meg Ryan is an \_\_\_\_\_. She was \_\_\_\_\_  
when she started acting. Many of her movies are  
\_\_\_\_\_ stories. They are \_\_\_\_\_  
very funny. She has been called \_\_\_\_\_  
Sweetheart. People love her \_\_\_\_\_.

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Write 2 sentences about Meg Ryan.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# CARLOS SANTANA

**words to know**

Mex • i • co  
gui • tar  
per • form • ing  
a • wards  
range



Carlos Santana was born in Mexico. He has played a guitar since he was eight. He has been performing for more than 30 years. His songs range from Latin to rock to blues. He has won many Grammy awards.

1. What has Carlos played since he was eight years old?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where was he born? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What kinds of songs does Carlos play? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What word in the story means “putting on shows for groups of people”? \_\_\_\_\_

**Try this:** Look at a map. List the states in the U.S. that touch Mexico.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mexico songs Latin guitar  
Grammy perform awards eight Santana

Write each word. Find and circle the words in the word search.

Mexico \_\_\_\_\_

awards \_\_\_\_\_

Grammy \_\_\_\_\_

guitar \_\_\_\_\_

songs \_\_\_\_\_

eight \_\_\_\_\_

perform \_\_\_\_\_

Santana \_\_\_\_\_

Latin \_\_\_\_\_



Write 2 sentences about Carlos Santana.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# GLORIA ESTEFAN

**words to know**

Queen  
mil • lions  
Lat • in  
re • cords  
Cu • ba



Gloria Estefan is a singer. She is called the “Queen of Latin Pop”. She was born in Cuba. Gloria has sold millions of records. Life was not always easy for her.

1. Who is Gloria Estefan? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where was she born? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How do you know she is famous? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What word from the story means “opposite of hard”?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Try this:** Choose 2 words from the ‘words to know’ box. Write a sentence for each word.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Write your answers on the lines of the pattern.

\_\_\_\_ \_ G    \_\_\_\_ \_  
\_\_\_\_ \_ L    \_\_\_\_ \_  
\_\_\_\_ \_ O    \_\_\_\_ \_  
\_\_\_\_ \_ R    \_\_\_\_ \_  
\_\_\_\_ \_ I    \_\_\_\_ \_  
\_\_\_\_ \_ A

1. Gloria is a \_\_\_\_.
2. She is called the Queen of \_\_\_\_ Pop.
3. Life was \_\_\_\_ always easy for her.
4. Gloria has sold millions of \_\_\_\_.
5. She \_\_\_\_ very famous.
6. She was born in \_\_\_\_.

Write 2 sentences about Gloria Estefan.

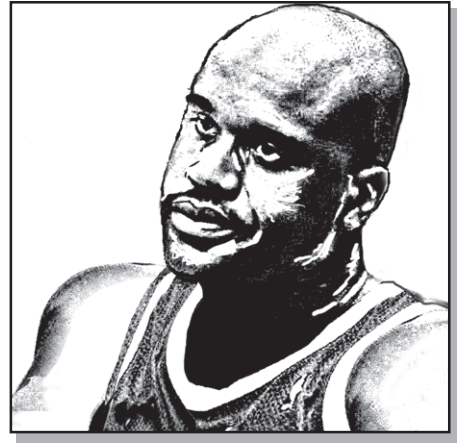
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# SHAQUILLE O'NEAL

**words to know**

bas • ket  
world  
play  
champ  
friend



Shaquille O'Neal plays basketball. He is a world champ. Shaq was born in 1972. He plays for the L.A. Lakers. He says his mom will always be his best friend.

1. Who is Shaquille O'Neal? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Name the team he plays for. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you think Shaq got along with his mom? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What word from the story means "opposite of worst"?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Try this: How old is Shaquille O'Neal?

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the correct answer.

1. Shaquille O'Neal plays  
a. football                      b. soccer                      c. basketball
2. He is a  
a. loser                              b. champ                      c. coward
3. Shaq plays for the  
a. Lakers                              b. Celtics                      c. Suns
4. His best friend is his  
a. brother                              b. mom                              c. sister

Unscramble these words:

5. T A S K E B \_\_\_\_\_
6. Y P A L \_\_\_\_\_
7. R E F I D N \_\_\_\_\_
8. H M A P C \_\_\_\_\_

Write 2 sentences about Shaquille O'Neal.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_