

I. Read the text carefully.

A teenage star

LeAnn Rimes is a country music superstar. She is only fourteen, but she has already sold more than five million albums in America.

While most teenagers are doing their homework, LeAnn can be found on stage singing her hits night after night in front of huge audiences. And while others are out buying CDs, LeAnn's record company is selling the ones she has recorded. Her first album, *'Blue'*, sold more than three million copies in America, making it one of the top-selling albums ever by a female country singer. Her second album, *'Unchained Melody – The Early Years'*, went straight to Number One in the charts.

LeAnn looks and acts a lot older than her years. It is her designer clothes and make-up which add about ten years onto her age. She has not created a traditional country image, choosing a more rock and roll look instead, although she sometimes also wears pretty dresses.

Signs that LeAnn's childhood would be far from normal began when she was just eighteen months old when she could better sing than she could talk. At the age of five she won her first talent contest, and at eight she started performing around Texas where she has lived since she was six. In no time she was recording in a studio.

LeAnn continued to attend school until two years ago when her music began to take up more and more of her time and the family decided to employ a private tutor. Her tutor goes on the road with her and they work about three hours a day.

What LeAnn loves doing best is performing live, and her aim is to help change the old-fashioned image of country music as being full of old singers wearing cowboy hats. Because she is young herself she hopes that more young people will listen to country music.

(a) Are the statements true or false? Correct false statements.

1. LeAnn has sold more than five million albums in Europe.

2. Her second album was Number One in the charts.

3. LeAnn never wears pretty dresses.

4. She won her first talent contest when she was six years old.

5. Her parents decided to employ a private tutor.

6. She hopes that more young people will listen to classic music.

(b) Form questions to fit the answers. (Formuliere passende Fragen zu den vorgegebenen Antworten. Suche zuerst die passende Textstelle und entscheide, welches Fragewort du benutzen musst.)

1.	She is only fourteen.
2.	'Blue'.
4.	When she was just eighteen months old.
5.	About three hours a day.
6.	Performing live.

(c) Do you think LeAnn is happy with her life? Give your opinion and one or two reasons. (Begründe deine Meinung.)

II. Grammar

(a) Present simple or present continuous? Use the correct form of the verb. (Setze die korrekte Zeitform des Verbs ein.)

- In this photo aunt Emily _____ in her garden. (to work)
- She _____ in her garden three times a week. (to work)
- Listen to that noise. Our dog _____ after the neighbour's cat. (to run)
- The phone always _____ when I'm in the bathroom. (to ring)
- The moon _____ round the earth. (to go)

6. Look at the river. It _____ very fast today – much faster than usual. (to flow)
7. Usually I _____ (to enjoy) parties but I _____ (not enjoy) this one.
8. I can't understand him. He _____ too fast. (to speak)
9. Normally I _____ (to finish) work at 5 p.m., but this week I _____ (to work) until 6 p.m. to earn a bit more money.

(b) Form these active sentences into passive sentences. (Bilde Passivsätze.)

1. This new program solves many of our problems.

2. They are holding a team meeting in the studio.

3. Do they still build ships in Scotland?

4. Ten percent of all pupils do their homework in the breaks.

5. This restaurant serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

6. They're building a new department store in the city centre.

7. We are redecorating our house at the moment.

8. The tourists board the plane early in the morning.

(c) Simple past or past progressive? (Setze die Verben in der korrekten Zeitform ein.)

1. Tom _____ (burn) his hand when he _____ (cook) the dinner.

2. While I _____ (work) in the garden, I _____ (hurt) my back.

3. Ann _____ (watch) television when the phone _____ (ring).

4. I _____ (walk) home when I _____ (meet) Dave.

