

WORDS

- **actress** = a woman who acts on stage or in a film
- **adaptation** = new and changed version
- **animal rights organisation** = organization that tries to help animals survive in our world
- **attend** = go to
- **based** = to be the origin of
- **chart** = the most successful songs in a country
- **choir** = a group of people who sing together
- **earn** = here: get
- **entertainment** = things such as music, TV, radio, shows and other performances that people watch
- **fashion designer** = person who designs modern clothes
- **female** = relating to a woman
- **fur** = the hairy skin of animals
- **Golden Globe** = awards like the Oscars
- **Grammy Award** = prizes that are given to singers and groups by the American music industry
- **housing** = places to live
- **lead singer** = most important singer in a group
- **nominate** = to suggest someone for a prize or award
- **perform** = act
- **present** = today
- **promise** = to say that you will do something in the future
- **provide** = give
- **release** = to bring out
- **sign up** = to put your name on a document because you want to take part in something
- **success** = when you become famous or you have done what you wanted to
- **successful** = to be very famous and earn much money
- **survivor** = a person who has escaped death and can live on
- **victim** = someone who suffers because something bad has happened to them

Beyoncé Knowles is one of the really multitalented entertainment stars of the **present**. She is an American singer, songwriter, record producer, **actress**, dancer and **fashion designer**. Knowles became famous as the **lead singer** of the Rhythm and Blues group *Destiny's Child*, probably the most **successful female** groups of all times.

At the age of 7 she **attended** dance school and later on became a solo singer in her church's **choir**. Together with a few of her friends she started a quartet and at first **performed** in their back yards. In 1996 the group **signed up** with Columbia records and became very **successful** in the early 2000s.

After **successful** CDs with *Destiny's Child* Beyoncé **released** her first solo Album *Dangerously in Love* in 2003. With its singles *Crazy in Love* and *Baby Boy* it rose to the top of the **charts** in the UK and America. In 2004 Knowles **earned** five **Grammy Awards**.

In 2001 Knowles turned to acting. Her most famous role came in 2006 in an **adaptation** of a Broadway musical. *Dreamgirls* is **based** on the **success** of the Supremes, a black **female** group of the 1970s. Knowles was **nominated** for two **Golden Globes** including Best **Actress**.

Beyoncé Knowles also has worked a lot for the poor and hungry people in our world. She helped form *Survivor Foundation*, an organization that **provides housing** for the **victims** of Hurricane Katrina. She also went to Ethiopia and **promised** to help poor people there. On the other hand, **animal rights organizations** have criticized her for wearing **fur**.

