

“FAST CAR”- TRACY CHAPMAN

Tracy Chapman is an American singer-songwriter who was born on March 30th, 1964. She is known for her hits "Fast Car" and "Give Me One Reason", along with other singles "Talkin' 'bout a Revolution", "Baby Can I Hold You", "Crossroads", "New Beginning" and "Telling Stories". She is a multi-platinum and four-time Grammy Award-winning artist.

Chapman was signed to Elektra Records by Bob Krasnow in 1987. The following year she released her critically acclaimed debut album *Tracy Chapman*, which became a multi-platinum worldwide hit. The album gained Chapman six Grammy Award nominations, including Album of the Year. She won three of the categories she was nominated for including Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for her single "Fast Car", and Best New Artist. Chapman released her second album *Crossroads* the following year, which garnered her an additional Grammy nomination. Since then, Chapman has experienced further success with six more studio albums, which include her multi-platinum fourth album *New Beginning*. She won a fourth Grammy Award, for Best Rock Song, for its lead single "Give Me One Reason". Chapman's most recent release is *Our Bright Future*, in 2008.

"**Fast Car**" was released in April 1988 as the lead single from her self-titled debut album. Her appearance on the Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute was the catalyst for the song's becoming a top 10 hit in the United States, peaking at number 6 on the *Billboard* Hot 100, and a top 10 hit in the United Kingdom, peaking at number 4 on the UK Singles Chart. "Fast Car" received two Grammy nominations for Record of the Year and Song of the Year, as well as a Video Music Award nomination for Best Female Video in 1989.

Rolling Stone ranked the song number 167 on their list of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time. It is Chapman's only song on the list (and the highest ranking song both written and performed by a female artist). *Pitchfork* placed the song at number 86 on their list of the 200 Best Songs of the 1980s.

In April 2011 the track also hit the UK top ten at number 4 after Michael Collings performed it on *Britain's Got Talent*. The single was certified Platinum in the United Kingdom by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) in 2014, based on digital downloads and streaming. The song has sold 661,500 copies in the United Kingdom, as of January 2016.

1. When was Tracy Chapman born? **Underline one** answer

a. March 30th 1987

b. April 30th 1988

c. March 30th 1964

d. January 16th 2016

2. Tracy Chapman's debut album was "New Beginning". **Underline 1** answer.

True or **False**

3. Which song did Chapman win her fourth Grammy Award for? **Find and copy the whole** sentence:

4. Which position did "Fast Car" peak at in the US and UK charts?

1). _____ (US)

2). _____ (UK)

5. Which two did “Fast Car” receive Grammy Nominations for? **Tick two** answers.

- Record of the Year
- Best Female Video
- Song of the Year
- Best Newcomer

6. Where did Rolling Stone rank “Fast Car”? **Tick one** answer.

- 200
- 167
- 500

7. Which year was ‘Fast Car’ certified Platinum? **Underline 1** correct answers.

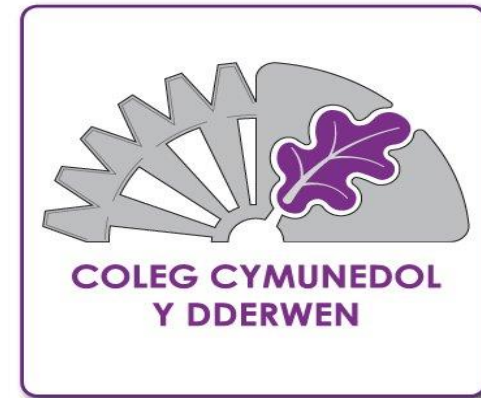
2011

2014

2016

8. How many copies has “Fast Car” sold as of January 2016? **Tick one** answer

- 563,000
- 246,000
- 661,500
- 435,700



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Q3 – 1 MARK	
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