

Elementary

***Today you are going to read about Guns N'Roses, an American rock band.
Ma egy amerikai rockbandáról, a Guns N'Rosesről fogtok olvasni.***

First read some facts about the band.
Először olvass el néhány tényt a bandáról.

The band was founded in Los Angeles in March, 1985.

GN'R became famous in the 1980s and 1990s.

They come from America.

Guns N' Roses have sold about 90 million albums worldwide.

There were arguments between group members because they were very different personalities, and also because of alcohol and drugs.

Today, frontman Axl Rose is the only original member in the band's current lineup.

At one of their concerts two of their fans died because the crowd moved closer and closer to the stage so that they can see the band better.

At another of their concerts, Axl jumped into the crowd of fans and hit a boy who was recording the show with a camera. The fans became angry, and started to riot. More than ten people were injured.

"**Knockin' on Heaven's Door**" is a song written by Bob Dylan, and it was the soundtrack of the 1973 film of the same name.

It was originally recorded as a slow acoustic country song.

In 1994, Gilby Clarke was sent away from the band as Axl felt his songwriting skills were not good enough for their future projects.

The next year, drummer Sorum was fired from the group following an argument with Rose.

Axl said on a TV show that the new Guns N' Roses album would be released in the autumn of 2006.

Decide whether these statements are true or false.

Döntsd el, hogy az alábbi állítások igazak-e vagy hamisak.

1. They founded the band in London.
2. All the original members left the band.
3. Kockin' on Heaven's Door is originally not a Guns N'Roses song.
4. The members of the band have never used drugs or drunk any alcohol.
5. There have never been any problems at their concerts.

Now here you can read the lyrics of one of their most famous songs. Some words are missing. Complete the lyrics with the words from the list. Be careful, there are more words than necessary. Most olvasd el az egyik leghíresebb daluk szövegét. Néhány szó hiányzik. Egészítsd ki a dalszöveget a listán szereplő szavakkal. Vigyázz, több szó van, mint amennyi szükséges.

DARK / DOOR / FLOOR/ CLOUD / USE / SHOOT / LIKE / WILD / AS IF

Guns N Roses - Knocking On Heaven's Door Lyrics

Mama take this badge from me
I can't use it anymore
It's getting dark too 1. _____ to see
Feels like I'm knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's door



Mama put my guns in the ground
I can't 2. _____ them anymore
That cold black 3. _____ is comin' down
Feels 4. _____ I'm knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's door
Knock-knock-knockin' on heaven's 5. _____

Intermediate

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Source: www.wikipedia.org

Guns N' Roses are considered to be the last rock and roll band to achieve legendary status before the tastes of American youth culture shifted to alternative rock, electronica, and then hip-hop throughout the course of the 1990s. They are also recognized as a band that changed rock and metal music in the late 1980s. Guns N' Roses ushered in an era where facial make-up and spandex pants were no longer seen as popular.

Their peers in the music industry spoke highly of the band. Ozzy Osbourne and Joe Perry called GN'R "the next Rolling Stones." In 2002, Q magazine named Guns N' Roses in their list of the "50 Bands To See Before You Die". Also, the television network VH1 ranked Guns N' Roses ninth in its "100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock" special. Appetite for Destruction appeared in Rolling Stone Magazine's special issue "The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time".

However, the band has not been free of criticism by the media. The well-known alcohol and drug abuse by some members of the group, particularly Slash and McKagan, and Axl's fondness of Charles Manson T-shirts, were used by the media to portray GN'R as a bad example to their young fans. The long periods of time that the band took to release albums were also a source of heavy criticism.

Frontman Axl Rose has become a source of both controversy and criticism since the other founding members left the group. His constant elusiveness, such as the fact that he has not held a press conference since 1994, has led to several stories claiming he is suffering from bipolar disorder. Music critics have blamed Rose for the break-up of the original group, and have criticized him for continuing the band after the original members had departed. They also cite his neurotic behavior and sense of perfectionism as a cause of personal conflict and the long delays between albums. However, he still has fans who view him as a sort of musical anti-hero.

The band will be eligible for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame beginning in 2012. Critics and fans alike view this as an opportunity for the band's original lineup to reunite. On the VH1 special, Behind the Music, Slash was questioned about a reunion and stated that "No matter how much money they throw in our faces, there's no reason for us to get together...unless there's a mutual respect or understanding...and we're way far from that."

Answer the questions.

1. What did the band achieve?
2. What name did they give the band?
3. Was the band a good example for the youth?
4. Is Axl psychologically all right?
5. What will happen in 6 years' time?
6. Why can't they get together again?



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COME / OWN / ALONE / GOLD / COLD / HOLD / REMAIN / RIGHT / MINE / SOMEBODY / SOMETIMES / BROKEN / WAY / DESPERATE / FOREVER

November Rain

When I look into your eyes
I can see a love restrained
But darlin' when I 1. _____ you
Don't you know I feel the same
'Cause nothin' lasts 2. _____
And we both know hearts can change
And it's hard to hold a candle
In the 3. _____ November rain
We've been through this auch a long long time
Just tryin' to kill the pain
But lovers always 4. _____ and lovers always go
An no one's really sure who's lettin' go today
Walking away
If we could take the time
to lay it on the line
I could rest my head
Just knowin' that you were 5. _____
All mine
So if you want to love me
then darlin' don't refrain
Or I'll just end up walkin'
In the cold November rain
Do you need some time...on your 6. _____
Do you need some time...all alone
Everybody needs some time...
on their own
Don't you know you need some time...all alone
I know it's hard to keep an open heart
When even friends seem out to harm you
But if you could heal a 7. _____ heart
Wouldn't time be out to charm you
Sometimes I need some time... on my own
Sometimes I need some time... all alone
Everybody needs some time... on their own
Don't you know you need some time...all alone
And when your fears subside
And shadows still 8. _____
I know that you can love me
When there's no one left to blame
So never mind the darkness
We still can find a 9. _____
'Cause nothin' lasts forever
Even cold November rain
Don't ya think that you need somebody
Don't ya think that you need someone
Everybody needs 10. _____



You're not the only one
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Advanced

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Hot on the heels of their sell out shows last week in Las Vegas, San Francisco and KROQ's Inland Invasion in Los Angeles Guns N' Roses announce the first leg of their "Chinese Democracy" North American Tour.

The tour which will kick off on the 20th of October in Jacksonville, Florida finds the band in top form having spent the summer in Europe playing to 700,000 plus people over 32 shows in 18 countries, making it one of the biggest tours of the year on the continent and in the UK. Concert goers were not let down as Axl Rose and his band mates Dizzy Reed, Robin Finck, Richard Fortus, Tommy Stinson, Chris Pitman, Brain and Ron "Bumblefoot" Thal burned through classics such as "Welcome to the Jungle," "Paradise City," "Nightrain," "Mr. Brownstone," "November Rain" and "Sweet Child O' Mine" as well as highlighting soon to be favourites from the forthcoming "Chinese Democracy" album.

Just this week, the Hollywood Reporter's concert review of KROQ's Inland Invasion observed, "when headliner Guns N' Roses took the stage everything old became new again - and everything new on the bill, just couldn't hold a candle in comparison... the night belonged to Guns N' Roses!" Axl Rose commented, "We had an amazing tour in Europe this summer and last weeks shows here in the US were great. It's been a long time getting here but we look forward to coming to your town and having a lot of fun."

Sebastian Bach who has been guesting with Guns N' Roses on "My Michelle" will open the entire tour with the Special Guest slot going to a number of great bands starting with Papa Roach for the dates through the 3rd of November. The shows have been planned to cater to a Guns N' Roses rock n' roll party atmosphere with Sebastian hitting the stage every night at 8 pm followed by the Special Guest at 9 pm and Guns N' Roses shortly after 10 pm and lots of great music in between.

Guns N' Roses are also delighted to announce that they have partnered with Major League Baseball Advanced Media to provide their fans with premium ticketing opportunities and up to the minute information on the tour and the band's other activities via GunsNRoses.com which will be launched as of tomorrow.

As for Guns N' Roses forthcoming "Chinese Democracy" album the only comment at this time is that there are 13 Tuesdays left between now and the end of the year.

Write true sentences about the text with these words.

1. 20th of October
2. 700,000
3. 32
4. 18
5. 8 pm
6. 9 pm
7. 10 pm

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GRASS / ANOTHER / ONE / TOUGH / TORN / WORN / FAME / RIGHT / QUITE

Paradise City
Just a' urchin
livin' under the street
I'm a hard case
that's 1. _____ to beat
I'm your charity case
So buy me somethin' to eat
I'll pay you at 2. _____ time
Take it to the end of the line
Ragz to richez or so they say
Ya gotta-keep pushin'
for the fortune and 3. _____
It's all a gamble
When it's just a game
Ya treat it like a capital crime
Everybody's doin' their time
Take me down
To the paradise city
Where the 4. _____ is green
And the girls are pretty
Take me home
Strapped in the chair
of the city's gas chamber
Why I'm here I can't 5. _____ remember
The surgeon general says
it's hazardous to breathe
I'd have another cigarette
but I can't see
Tell me who you're gonna believe
Take me down
To the paradise city
Where the grass is green
And the girls are pretty
Take me home
So far away
So far away
So far away
So far away
Captain America's been 6. _____ apart
Now he's a court jester
with a broken heart
He said-
Turn me around and
take me back to the start
I must be losin' my mind-
"Are you blind?"
I've seen it all a million times
Take me down
To the paradise city
Where the grass is green
And the girls are pretty
Take me home