

Answers

1. What do you think it means when a person is described as larger-than-life?

Children write a plausible response similar to:

- have a strong personality
- act in a way that people notice them/ pay attention to them
- attracting special attention
- acting unusually
- having a flamboyant appearance or behaviour

2. Tick which word has the closest meaning to icon:

wealthy

idol

famous

3. Name two things Dolly Parton is famous for:

Children name any two of the following:

- music
- TV and movie roles
- writing books
- country singer and performer

4. Tick how many records Dolly Parton has sold:

twenty-five

10 million

9 to 5

100 million

5. In the following sentence, what do you think elaborate means?

She is well known for wearing elaborate outfits and wigs onstage.

Elaborate means something that is detailed and complicated in design.

6. In the paragraph entitled, 'Her Childhood', what clues are there that Dolly grew up in deprivation?

Children answer with three of the following:

- the whole family (12 children and 2 parents) lived in a one-bedroom cabin
- no indoor plumbing
- hardly any electricity
- her parents couldn't pay a doctor, so they gave him a bag of oatmeal

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7. In the first paragraph of the section called 'Singing career', which word has a similar meaning to 'more than two but not many'?

several

8. In the second paragraph of the section called 'Singing career', which word means lonely?

solitary

9. How do we know that people still like listening to '9 to 5' to this day?

Forty years later, this song can still be heard on dance floors across the globe.

10. Why did Dolly start the organisation, 'The Dolly Parton Imagination Library'?

Dolly wanted to help people with their literacy. Her father was illiterate and this was her inspiration for wanting to help others.

11. Using the whole text, find examples of how Dolly has managed to achieve her goal of "My dream was to make as many people happy as I could in this life."

Explain how she achieved her goal.

Ways that Dolly has made people happy:

- through making music that people enjoy
- through making films and TV programs which people have enjoy
- opening a theme park called Dollywood
- through giving out over 130 million books through her organisation, The Dolly Parton Imagination Library

