

U2

Activity 1

Answer these questions:

1. Who is the oldest member of U2?

2. What does Bonovox mean?

3. Who was Adam Clayton's famous girlfriend?

4. How old was The Edge when his family moved to Dublin?

5. Where was Adam Clayton born?

6. When did the band release the album 'October'?

7. What album did the band release in 1983?

Activity 2

Are these statements True or False? :

1. Bono is older than The Edge

2. Bono has three children

3. The Edge got married in 1991

4. Larry played the guitar before he played the drums.

5. Larry's sister gave him a set of drums for Christmas

6. The writer enjoys concerts in big stadiums

7. Bono now lives in Africa.



Activity 3

Listen and complete the gaps

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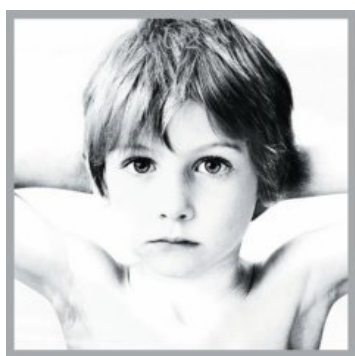
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