



Queen of pop

Madonna is the biggest female superstar of the modern era. She's received an entry into the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* as a modern day icon of pop. And the *Guinness Book of World Records* calls her 'the most successful female solo artist'.



Madonna's full name is Madonna Louise Ciccone. She was born on 16th of August, 1956. Her childhood was a hard time for her because her mother died when she was only five.

At school Madonna was a very bright student and always got excellent marks. She was also good at sports and dancing. After leaving school Madonna studied modern dance at the University of



Michigan but left it at the end of the second year.

Madonna was about 20 when she moved to New York, with just 35 dollars, and her big dream was to become a rock singer.

'When I came to New York it was the first time I'd ever taken a plane, the first time I'd ever got a taxi-cab, the first time for everything. And I came here with 35 dollars in my pocket. It was the bravest thing I'd ever done!' she said.



FACT FILE

Date of birth: August 16th, 1956

Place of birth: Bay City, Michigan

Zodiac sign: Leo

Siblings: 3 sisters and 4 brothers

Marital status: She is married to the British film director Guy Ritchie.

Madonna's first marriage was to actor Sean Penn.

Children: a daughter, Lourdes (born in 1996), and a son, Rocco (born in 2000)

Hobbies: yoga, reading, writing and spending time with her family

Favourite sports: boxing, basketball

Lucky number: 13

Idols: Greta Garbo, Bette Davis, Marilyn Monroe, Grace Kelly, Marlene Dietrich, Martha Graham

Favourite writers: Alice Walker, Kurt Vonnegut Jr., F. Scott Fitzgerald, Jack Kerouac, James Joyce, Charles Bukowski, Honore de Balzac, V.S. Naipaul, Henry James, Louise Edrich, Guy de Maupassant, Noel Coward, Arthur Golden

Favourite painters: Frida Kahlo, Tamara de Lempicka

Favourite movies: *A Place In The Sun*, *The English Patient* and *To Kill A Mockingbird*



In 1980, Madonna joined her first rock band called 'The Breakfast Club'. Very soon she realized that, 'The Breakfast Club' was a big mistake, and early in the year she left the band.

Madonna's early days in New York were a real struggle and looking back at those days, she says: 'I refused to accept that

anything but success would happen.'

Finally Madonna found the right producer, and her single 'Everybody' was released.

In 1982, her first album, 'Madonna', came out. It became very popular with American teenagers, and it wasn't long before teenage girls were dressing up as Madonna.

When Madonna's second album, 'Like a Virgin', came out, Madonna became the most popular rock-star in the world. And she still is!!! Madonna's Lucky Star never leaves her. She's a living legend.



Bay City ['beɪ 'sɪti] Бей-Сити
Michigan ['mɪʃɪɡən] штат Мичиган
sibling ['sɪblɪŋ] брат или сестра
yoga ['jəʊgə] йога

bright [braɪt] умный
struggle ['strʌɡl] борьба
to look back вспоминать, оглядываться
на прошлое

to accept [ə'ksept] допускать,
принимать
finally ['faɪnəli] в конце концов
to release [rɪ'li:s] выпускать

Interesting facts

● The queen of pop has just adopted a one-year-old African boy called David Banda. 'David is just the best little baby ever,' she said.



● Madonna has written five books for children. All of them are best-sellers.

● Madonna practises yoga for two hours a day, six days a week!

● Madonna's diet is very healthy. She eats lots of grains and very natural food. Caffeine, alcohol, bread and pasta are all banned! It's a tough diet, but she says it gives her energy and keeps her looking young.

● Madonna is one of the richest women in the world but she gives a lot of money to charity.

● Madonna has shocked her fans with outrageous outfits and insulting remarks, but in real life the superstar singer and actress is nothing like the woman she is on stage. Her father-in-law, John Ritchie, says that at home she is shy and quiet. She takes a lot of interest in the kids and is a very good mother.



H U N G U P

Time goes by so slowly...
Every little thing that you say or do
I'm hung up
I'm hung up on you
Waiting for your call
Baby night and day
I'm fed up
I'm tired of waiting on you

Time goes by so slowly for those who wait
No time to hesitate
Those who run seem to have all the fun
I'm caught up
I don't know what to do

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Ring ring ring — goes the telephone
The lights are on but there's no-one home
Tick tick tock — it's a quarter to two
And I'm done
I'm hanging up on you

I can't keep on waiting for you
I know that you're still hesitating
Don't cry for me 'cause I'll find my way
you'll wake up one day
but it'll be too late

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to adopt [ə'dɒpt] усыновлять
grain [greɪn] крупа
caffeine ['kæfi:n] кофеин
pasta ['pæstə] макаронные изделия
to ban запрещать
tough [tʌf] жесткий, строгий
charity ['tʃærɪti] благотворительность

outrageous [aʊ'reɪdʒəs] скандальный, вызывающий
outfit ['aʊtfɪt] наряд
insulting [ɪn'sʌltɪŋ] оскорбительный, обидный
remark [rɪ'mɑ:k] замечание; высказывание
shy [ʃaɪ] застенчивый

to be hung up «заикнуться»
I'm fed up Мне надоело, с меня довольно
to hesitate ['hezɪteɪt] колебаться, сомневаться
to be caught up попасться, увязнуть
I'm done Я устала
to hang up вешать, бросать трубку
'cause = because