

5 FACTS ABOUT QUEEN

Queen is a rock band which was formed in 1970 in England. Within ten years Queen gathered huge popularity and became one of the biggest stadium rock bands in the world. The band members were **Freddie Mercury** (frontman), **Brian May** (guitar, vocals), **Roger Taylor** (drums, vocals), and **John Deacon** (bass). Let's learn some more facts about this legendary British band.



1. Not all artists are drop-outs*

People often think that rock stars dedicate their whole life to music and thus are not much good in studies. A big blow to this popular belief is the Queen band. Except Freddie Mercury, each member of queen has a university degree. Ain't they smart?

**a drop-out – sm who leaves studies without finishing that they started*

2. Freddie isn't Mercury's birth name

When Freddie Mercury was born, he was named Farrokh Bulsara as he belonged to an Indian family of Persian descent. But later when he was studying in a boarding school, he adopted the name Freddie Mercury and became famous under his new name.

3. Freddie himself designed the logo of the band

Freddie Mercury himself came up with the band's logo. Mercury based the famous symbols on the Queen logo on the astrological signs of its members, with the lions (Leo) representing John and Roger, the crab for Brian May (Cancer), and the two



fairies taking the place of Virgo, which was Freddie's sign. The Phoenix representing the never-ending cycle of birth and death. Indeed, show must go on!

4. Freddie Mercury loved cats

Freddie was a proud owner of several cats (nearly 10). In his solo album, *Mr Bad Guy*, there's a dedication in the sleeve notes: *"This album is dedicated to my cat Jerry. Also Tom, Oscar and Tiffany, and all the cat lovers across the universe. Oh well, Freddie was a crazy cat lady."*

5. Bohemian Rhapsody, the first music video ever made

Queen were some of the earliest producers of music videos. Their first was for "Bohemian Rhapsody" in 1975, a video that shot simply and was able to complete in four hours. Moreover, this tune became the 20th century's most steamed song after release of the film *Bohemian Rhapsody* earlier this year.



*Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy?
Caught in a landslide, no escape from reality
Open your eyes, look up to the skies and see...*

Answer the questions:

1. Where was the band formed?

2. Why Queen is the smartest band in the world?

3. What song is the most steamed song in the 20th century?

4. What is your favorite song by Queen?

5. How you discovered this band?

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Music/lyrics: Freddie Mercury

I've paid my dues

to pay (one's) due _____

Time after time

I've done my sentence

to commit a crime_____

But committed no crime

And bad mistakes

to make a mistake

I've made a few

I've had my share of sand kicked in my face

But I've come through

to come through_____

We are the champions, my friends

And we'll keep on fighting 'til the end

We are the champions

We are the champions

No time for losers

'Cause we are the champions of the world

I've taken my bows

to take bows _____

And my curtain calls

You brought me fame and fortune and everything that goes with it

I thank you all

But it's been no bed of roses

No pleasure cruise

I consider it a challenge before the whole human race

And I ain't gonna lose

a challenge

We are the champions, my friends

And we'll keep on fighting 'til the end

We are the champions

We are the champions

No time for losers

'Cause we are the champions of the world

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What is a *champion*? _____

What is a *looser*? _____

What kinds of champions are there? _____

Meaning of the song:

This song was originally written as a **sports anthem**, but it's also about Queen's fight to the top. It's celebrating **victory** of any kind and inspires people to **never give up**.