

# Paris Hilton

## Activity 1

Which words or phrases mean the same as:

Brothers and sisters S \_\_\_\_\_

Rich W \_\_\_\_\_

Prohibited B \_\_\_\_\_

Exchanged S \_\_\_\_\_

Reached its highest point P \_\_\_\_\_

Lost her job S \_\_\_\_\_

Problems U \_\_\_\_\_

Stopped being friends F \_\_\_\_\_



## Activity 2

Answer these questions:

1. What is a GED test?

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2. Why was her hamburger advertisement taken off the TV?

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3. Where did she live on the show, The Simple Life?

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4. Which position did her first single reach in the US?

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5. Why did she lose her job with Club Paris?

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6. How much did she earn in 2005?

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7. When was she sentenced to prison and when did the term start?

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### Activity 3

#### Listen and complete the gaps

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So, she's a model. Yes, but what about her acting? In 2003 she made a reality TV show with Nicole Ritchie, the \_\_\_\_\_ of singer Lionel. *The Simple Life* followed these two girls as they swapped their high class lifestyles for those of us \_\_\_\_\_ 'normal' people by moving in with a family living on a farm. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ success and helped Paris to get some roles in feature films, including *House of Wax* and *The Hillz*.

So, she's an actress. Yes, but what about the music career? In 2006 she released her \_\_\_\_\_ album, *Paris*, which had mixed reviews. Commercially it wasn't the success that she'd hoped for, reaching a high of number 6 on the US chart. Her first single from the album, *Stars are \_\_\_\_\_*, peaked at number 18 on the chart in the US, although it did reach number 1 in Belgium, Hungary and Slovakia.

So, she's a singer. Yes, but what about her business empire? In 2004 she wrote an \_\_\_\_\_ called *Confessions of an Heiress*, badly received by critics but it topped the bestseller lists. She has helped to design a range of \_\_\_\_\_, clothes and perfumes. She gave her name to a chain of nightclubs called Club Paris, although she was sacked because she didn't make enough personal appearances at them. Her estimated \_\_\_\_\_ over recent years show a notable increase as her name just becomes ever more famous. In 2004 she earned \$2 million, in 2005 \$6 million and in 2006 \$7 million.

So, she does a bit of everything. Rich, famous and beautiful. Who wouldn't want such a lifestyle? Well, just wait a moment, because not everything in the garden is as rosy as it seems. Paris' personal life has had it's \_\_\_\_\_ of ups and downs since she became one of the most talked about people in the world. She has had very \_\_\_\_\_ public fights with her co-star in *This Simple Life*, Nicole Ritchie and also with another young \_\_\_\_\_ Lindsay Lohan. She suddenly became best friends with Britney Spears and then just as quickly fell out. She has had a string of unsuccessful relationships and in July 2006 she declared that she would stay \_\_\_\_\_ for a whole year.

However, her biggest problem to date was her arrest and subsequent \_\_\_\_\_ sentence for driving with a suspended licence. In May 2007 she was sentenced to serve 45 days in prison and on June 5th she entered the Los Angeles Twin Towers Correctional Facility to start her controversial \_\_\_\_\_.

## Transcript

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