

Taylor Swift makes history with fourth best album win

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Taylor Swift has made history at the 2024 Grammy Awards. The singer-songwriter superstar is the first artist to win best album of the year

four times. The Grammys are given for outstanding achievements in the music industry. By winning for the fourth time, Ms Swift overtook music legends Frank Sinatra and Stevie Wonder. She won for her album "Midnights". In her acceptance speech, she said: "I would love to tell you that this is the best moment of my life, but I feel this happy when I finish a song...or when I'm rehearsing with my dancers or my band, or getting ready to go to Tokyo to play a show." She added: "All I wanna do is keep being able to do this. I love it so much. It makes me so happy."

Taylor Swift was born in 1989. She began writing songs professionally at the age of 14. In 2005, she signed with Big Machine Records to become a country singer. Since then, she has branched out into a variety of music styles. She has moved from country, to rock, to electronic, synthpop and hip-hop. She is now the biggest music star in the world and has sold over 200 million records. A movie of her 2023-2024 concert tour "Eras" is the highest-grossing concert film ever. She is also a huge influencer of popular culture and is on Forbes magazine's list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women. Wikipedia describes Swift as being, "a philanthropist and an advocate for artists' rights and women's empowerment".

Sources: [grammy.com](https://www.grammy.com) / [rollingstone.com](https://www.rollingstone.com) / [wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org) / [breakingnewsenglish.com](https://www.breakingnewsenglish.com)

DISCUSS

"Taylor Swift is the world's greatest music artist." Do you agree or disagree? Why (not)?

True / False

- 1) Taylor Swift won the best album award for four years in a row. T / F
- 2) A Grammy is awarded for the most records sold. T / F
- 3) Taylor Swift said the award was the best moment in her life. T / F
- 4) All Taylor Swift wants to do is sing, make music and dance. T / F
- 5) Taylor Swift signed her first record contract when she was 14. T / F
- 6) The article says Taylor Swift is the world's biggest music star. T / F
- 7) Forbes magazine named Ms Swift as the world's most powerful woman. T / F
- 8) Taylor Swift does a lot for the rights of women and artists. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in bold are from the news article.)

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| 1. outstanding | a. concert |
| 2. legends | b. champion |
| 3. rehearsing | c. giver |
| 4. show | d. calls |
| 5. happy | e. excellent |
| 6. branched out | f. practicing |
| 7. ever | g. superstars |
| 8. describes | h. in history |
| 9. philanthropist | i. cheerful |
| 10. advocate | j. diversified |

DISCUSS MORE

- 1) What do you think about Taylor Swift?
- 2) What would you like to write songs about?
- 3) What is the best music genre?
- 4) What do you think of popular culture?
- 5) What do you think of bug zappers?
- 6) What do you think of music awards shows?
- 7) Who do you think is the best singer in the world at the moment?
- 8) What was the best moment of your life?
- 9) What makes you happy?
- 10) What questions would you like to ask Taylor Swift?

Music Genres

Which is the best genre? Rank these items from 1 (top) to 8 (bottom).

- _ Country
- _ Rock
- _ Pop
- _ Hip-hop
- _ Electronic
- _ Reggae
- _ Classical
- _ Jazz