

PRE-LISTENING ACTIVITIES

MATCHING
Write the number of the matching definition next to each word.

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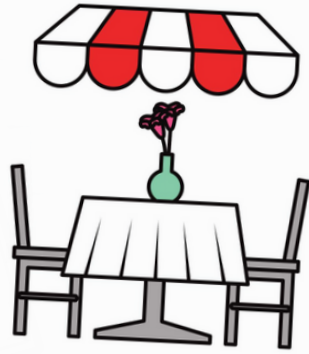
_____ répéter	1. to be bored
_____ le toit	2. lights
_____ mériter	3. skin
_____ s'ennuyer	4. a bell
_____ une cloche	5. habit
_____ à peine	6. at the base, b
_____ au fond	7. to express
_____ habitude	8. to leave a
_____ exprimer	9. a smile
_____ repartir	10. to greet
_____ les claquettes	11. barely
_____ accueillir	12. to b
_____ suivre	13. thr
_____ les seins	14. v
_____ un sourire	15.
_____ un échec	16.
_____ essayait	1
_____ lumière	
_____ foncé	
_____ la peau	

Classe: _____

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essayait	
un sourire	
à peine	
lumière	
cloche	
la peau	
foncé(e)	
accueillir	
l'habitude	
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repartir	
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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were Josephine Baker's talents?

2. What was the reputation of Paris in 1925?

3. How does Josephine describe herself when she arrived in Paris?

4. What was her childhood like?

5. Why did people tell her she wouldn't be successful?

6. What event showed her how different France was, her home in the USA?

7. How did people behave differently in Paris?

8. Where did she rehearse for her show?

9. What was her specialty and why did the

10. What was the reaction of the Paris?

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Vrai ou faux?

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|---|---|---|
| V | F | 1. Josephine Baker est allée en France quand elle avait 19 ans. |
| V | F | 2. Josephine pensait que Paris était une ville élégante. |
| V | F | 3. Elle rêvait de retourner aux États-Unis. |
| V | F | 4. Les Français aimaient le Charleston. |
| V | F | 5. Le Charleston est une danse traditionnelle en France. |
| V | F | 6. Il n'y avait pas assez de claquettes dans le spectacle. |
| V | F | 7. Josephine avait peur de danser seins nus. |
| V | F | 8. Elle dansait pour apporter de la joie aux spectateurs. |
| V | F | 9. Le public s'ennuyait. |
| V | F | 10. Josephine est devenue très populaire en France. |

Fill in the blank with the missing words.

1. Les gens demandaient des _____ de Josephine Baker.
2. Josephine était connue en France pour ses talents de _____.
3. Les musiciens avaient des valises des _____ de musique dans les mains.
4. La famille de Josephine était _____ - elle n'avait pas beaucoup d'argent.
5. Le rêve de Josephine était de _____ danseuse.
6. Elle se demandait comment les _____ allaient l'accueillir.
7. Le valet de l'hôtel a traité Josephine avec du _____.
8. Dans la chambre il y avait une salle de bain avec un grand _____.
9. Elle pensait que la France sentait d'un _____ de liberté.
10. Le groupe de Josephine devait _____ tous les jours avant le spectacle.



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ANSWER KEY AND RESOURCES

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1. What were Josephine Baker's talents? *Her dancing, but also her persuasion.*

2. What was the reputation of Paris in 1925? *It was the city where you could be free over the world to create, dream and be free.*

3. How does Josephine describe herself when she was young? *naive, but she had big dreams.*

4. What was her childhood like? *She grew up in a family that wanted her to be a doctor, but she wanted to be a dancer.*

5. Why did people tell her she wouldn't be a dancer? *Because she was a woman of color.*

6. What event showed her how different she was? *Her first performance in Paris.*

7. How did people behave differently towards her? *Mean and women appeared in Paris.*

8. Where did she rehearse for her first performance? *In a small room in Paris.*

9. What was her special talent? *Charleston - it was a new dance.*

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