

Global Celebrity Diplomacy: From K-Pop Disputes to UN Climate Initiatives

Celebrity Diplomacy · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In 2024, which iconic American musician was honored with the PEACE Through Music Award by the U.S. Department of State and the Recording Academy for their contributions to cross-cultural understanding and peace?

- A) Quincy Jones
- B) Dolly Parton**
- C) Bob Dylan
- D) Aretha Franklin

2. Which K-pop group faced significant fan backlash in late 2024 due to a performance of a song referencing the disputed Dokdo/Takeshima islets, highlighting the challenges of navigating geopolitical sensitivities in international promotions?

- A) BTS
- B) Blackpink
- C) Nmixx**
- D) Stray Kids

3. The 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) was held in Baku, Azerbaijan. What was identified as a key focus of this conference?

- A) Renewable energy subsidies
- B) International carbon credit trading
- C) Financing the response to the climate crisis**
- D) Ocean conservation efforts

4. In 2024, a significant legal dispute arose within the K-pop industry involving HYBE Corporation and ADOR, concerning which girl group?

- A) ITZY
- B) NewJeans**
- C) IVE
- D) Twice

5. Which Hollywood actors were among the 25 Americans sanctioned by Russia in September 2022 for their public support of Ukraine, leading to a permanent ban from entering Russia?

- A) Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep
- B) Sean Penn and Ben Stiller**
- C) George Clooney and Angelina Jolie
- D) Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon

6. Japan has actively leveraged its pop culture for 'soft power' diplomacy. Which animated character was appointed as an 'Anime Ambassador' in 2008 to promote cultural understanding of Japan abroad?

- A) Pikachu
- B) Goku
- C) Doraemon**
- D) Sailor Moon

7. In late 2024, a member of the U.S.-based girl group VCHA, KG, filed a lawsuit against JYP Entertainment USA. What were the primary allegations made in the lawsuit?

- A) Copyright infringement and breach of contract
- B) Child labor exploitation and unfair business practices**
- C) Defamation and libel
- D) Non-payment of royalties

8. In 2024, a collective of over 350 German actors, musicians, and cultural workers issued an appeal to Chancellor Friedrich Merz. What was the main focus of their appeal?

- A) To increase funding for the arts
- B) To take action to prevent atrocities in Gaza**
- C) To promote German cinema internationally
- D) To support cultural exchange with Russia

9. The 2024 Global Soft Power Index saw Japan rise to fourth place. Which nation did Japan overtake to achieve this position?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Germany**
- D) France

10. In September 2024, which member of the K-pop group BTS was fined for operating an electric scooter under the influence of alcohol in Seoul?

- A) RM
- B) Jungkook
- C) Suga**
- D) V

11. Which prominent Italian cultural heritage was recognized by UNESCO in December 2023, leading to celebratory events attended by Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni in 2024?

- A) The art of Italian opera singing**
- B) The tradition of Italian pizza making
- C) Italian Renaissance painting techniques
- D) The craft of Venetian glassblowing

12. In late 2024, the 'Artists for Aid' concert in Los Angeles, co-hosted by Bella Hadid and Pedro Pascal, raised funds for children's medical care in which two regions?

- A) Ukraine and Sudan
- B) Palestine and Sudan**
- C) Syria and Yemen
- D) Afghanistan and Somalia

13. The 'Artists4Ceasefire' collective, launched in October 2023, advocates for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in the Gaza war. In September 2024, they launched a campaign calling on the U.S. to do what?

- A) Increase humanitarian aid to Gaza
- B) Stop sending weapons to Israel**
- C) Impose sanctions on Hamas
- D) Facilitate hostage negotiations

14. In 2024, the K-pop industry saw controversies including the dispute between HYBE and ADOR. Which other K-pop group had a member, Taeil, depart in October 2024 due to accusations of sexual assault?

- A) EXO
- B) NCT**
- C) SEVENTEEN
- D) TXT

15. Which Mexican-American singer achieved a significant feat in 2024 by having the first four songs of their career reach No. 1 on the Billboard Regional Mexican Airplay chart?

- A) Peso Pluma
- B) Bad Bunny
- C) Xavi**
- D) Natanael Cano