# **Before-reading questions**

- a Model answer: West Reading, Pennsylvania
  - **b** *Model answer:* Taylor is famous for singing and song writing. She is also famous for acting, talking about important things, and her friends and boyfriends.
  - c Reader's own answers.
- **2** a Nashville is a city in Tennessee, in America.
  - **b** Nashville is famous for country music.
- **3** Reader's own answers.

# **During-reading questions**

## ONE NIGHT IN TOKYO... AND CHAPTER ONE

- **1** Taylor sang her songs at the Tokyo Dome stadium and finished her *Reputation* tour.
- **2** Her mum, Andrea, her dad, Scott and her brother, Austin.
- **3** On a Christmas tree farm in Pennsylvania.
- **4** Wyomissing in Pennsylvania
- **5** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- **6** The American national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner".

## **CHAPTER TWO**

- 1 Nashville
- 2 Taylor liked singing songs by Dolly Parton, LeeAnn Rimes and Shania Twain.
- **3** She took her CD to Nashville and gave it to music companies. She wanted a record deal.
- **4** She went home with her mum and waited.

## CHAPTER THREE

- **1** Taylor learned to play the guitar.
- **2** Dan Dymtrow was Taylor's first manager.
- **3** RCA gave Taylor an Artist's Development Deal. The deal helped her with her singing and song writing.
- **4** Liz Rose and Taylor wrote songs together.
- **5** At The Bluebird Café
- 6 A record deal

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

- **1** He is a famous country-music singer.
- **2** She sang songs and talked about her album.
- **3** She was seventeen, and the award was for the "Tim McGraw" music video.
- 4 A big music awards show in America

## CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Her second album, Fearless
- **2** "Swifties" are Taylor's fans. Taylor has a "T-party" ("Taylor-Party") for some of her fans on her tours. She has food and drinks with her fans after she sings.
- **3** Taylor got on the stage with Beyoncé and thanked people for her award.
- **4** Selena Gomez is a singer. She is one of Taylor's good friends.
- **5** *Model answer:* Taylor's mum loves Taylor and always helps her.
- **6** Taylor's first pop single was "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together". It is about an old boyfriend.

# After-reading questions

- 1 a Scott Swift is Taylor's dad.
  - **b** Scott Borchetta started the music company Big Machine Records. He gave Taylor her first record deal.
  - c Meredith Grey is Taylor's cat.
  - **d** Taylor played Bombalurina in the movie *Cats* (2019).
- **2** *Model answer:* Taylor writes songs about things in her life. Sometimes Taylor writes songs about her problems because it helps her.
- 3 Reader's own answers.
- **4** *Miss Americana* is about Taylor's life and politics. She talks about important things in the movie.
- **5** Reader's own answer.

# **TAYLOR SWIFT**



# **Exercises**

# CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 false
  - 2 true
  - **3** true
  - 4 false
  - **5** false
- 2 1 Where did Taylor's family live?
  On a Christmas tree farm.
  - Who is Taylor's mum?Her mum is Andrea Swift.
  - **3** Which play did Taylor see at the Berks Youth Theatre Academy? She saw *Charlie and the Chocolate*
  - **4 Why** did Taylor forget about her problems at school?
    - Because she loved the play.
  - 5 What did Taylor want?
    She wanted a record deal.

#### CHAPTER TWO

Factory.

**3** 1 c **2** b **3** a **4** e **5** d

## CHAPTER THREE

- 4 1 Taylor played the guitar every day.
  - 2 Dan Dymtrow was Taylor's first manager.
  - **3** Taylor sang her songs for some music **companies** in Nashville.
  - 4 Liz Rose is a song writer.
  - **5** Taylor wrote beautiful songs about her **life**.
- **5** 1 Taylor began guitar lessons.
  - **2** Taylor went to Nashville.
  - **3** The family moved to Hendersonville.
  - **4** Taylor wrote songs with Liz Rose.
  - **5** Taylor was very sad.

## CHAPTER FOUR

- **6 1** Taylor **was** Big Machine Records' first singer.
  - **2** Taylor **played** her song "Tim McGraw" for Scott Borchetta.
  - **3** Taylor's fans **loved** her social-media page.
  - **4** Taylor **sang** on Faith Hill and Tim McGraw's tour.
  - **5** Taylor **got** a country-music award.
  - **6** Taylor **went** to the Grammys in 2008.

#### CHAPTER FIVE

- **7 1** Kanye West.
  - **2** Kanye is on stage at the MTV Video Music Awards with Taylor. Taylor is thanking people for her award but Kanye is stopping her.
  - **3** Kanye is saying "But Beyoncé's video was great!".
  - **4** Reader's own answer. Taylor is very sad.
- **8** 1 day
  - 2 little / small (opposite of big)
  - **3** happy
  - 4 same
  - 5 bad
  - **6** never

# **Project work**

Reader's own answers.