

# Bono

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## Introduction ✿

Bono (Paul David Hewson) is known internationally as a rock star who writes and performs political and personal songs. He is a philanthropist who organizes and participates in events that raise a lot of money to fight hunger and poverty and make the world a better place.



*Work with a partner and read the sentences, which outline a short biography of Bono. Put them in chronological or logical order.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ A few years later, this group became known as U2.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To date, he has received numerous awards with U2, including 22 Grammys (music awards).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bono was born and raised in Ireland.
- \_\_\_\_\_ In 1976 he became a part of a musical group that began to write their own songs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ In 2007 he was granted an honorary knighthood by Queen Elizabeth for the good work he had done.
- \_\_\_\_\_ His mother died when he was 14; many of the personal songs he has written are about her.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bono is the main vocalist for the group U2.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He has become well known for organizing and playing in many benefit concerts to help poor and starving people in Africa and South America.

**Dictogloss** ✿ *Listen to a complete sentence only once and write down the words you can remember on a separate piece of paper. With a partner, try to reconstruct the entire sentence and write it below.*

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

**Discussion** ✿ *With a partner, discuss the following questions.*

- ◆ Have you heard Bono and U2? Do you like the group? Do you have a favorite song?
- ◆ What groups do you like to listen to?
- ◆ Do you know of other famous people who devote time to raising money for good causes? Why do you think they do this?
- ◆ Have you ever been involved in any way in raising money for a good cause?

**Follow up** ✿ *Choose **one** of these.*

- ◆ Find out about your favorite group or a group from your country. Present a short description of this group to the class. Play a song by the group.
- ◆ Use the Internet to find out about other people who have devoted time and energy to fighting poverty, disease, and hunger. Prepare a short presentation of this information to the class.

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*Answer to Chronological Order:* 4, 8, 1, 3, 7, 2, 5, 6

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1. Bono has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times.
2. His name, Bono, comes from *bono vox* which means “Good Voice” in Latin.
3. He has spent a lot of time, money, and energy fighting AIDS, TB, and malaria.
4. Since the 1990s he has almost always worn sunglasses on stage because of his sensitive eyes.
5. Bono is admired not only as a singer and songwriter but also as a very good human being.

