



INTERMEDIATE  
**Oprah Winfrey  
most powerful  
woman**

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Oprah Winfrey is a household name in many parts of the world. Her rags-to-riches life is an incredible success story. She is a self-made woman who became the world's first black billionaire in 2004. Winfrey owns her own production company Harpo ('Oprah' spelt backwards), which made \$345 million in profit in 2007. She is perhaps most famous for her chat shows. The "Oprah Winfrey Show" began in 1986 and has been one of the world's most-watched programmes ever since. Winfrey's entertainment empire covers TV, magazines, book clubs and online shopping. She is also extremely well known for her charity work. She is set to launch her own TV channel, OWN (Oprah Winfrey Network), which will reach 70 million homes.

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#### READING / LISTENING

##### TRUE / FALSE

Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- a. Oprah Winfrey won a competition testing the strength of celebrities.
- b. Winfrey had an influence on the 2008 US Election.
- c. Oprah bought Barack Obama over a million votes in the election.
- d. TIME magazine said Oprah was one of the 20th century's top people.
- e. Oprah was born into a very rich family.
- f. Oprah reversed the letters of her given name for her company name.
- g. The Oprah Winfrey Show is the most successful show in TV history.
- h. Oprah may soon be in 70 million living rooms via her own TV network.

##### SYNONYM MATCH

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10. teach

j. elevation

##### PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article

(sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the most powerful woman      | a. for her chat shows    |
| 2. the influence she had on the | b. influence             |
| 3. She jumped up from the       | c. watched programmes    |
| 4. her immense cultural         | d. household name        |
| 5. the 100 people of            | e. in entertainment      |
| 6. Oprah Winfrey is a           | f. number six spot       |
| 7. 'Oprah' spelt                | g. her own TV channel    |
| 8. She is perhaps most famous   | h. the twentieth century |
| 9. one of the world's most-     | i. backwards             |
| 10. She is set to launch        | j. US Election           |