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READING

BOWLED OVER

A rising hip hop star gets the shock of his life at the Deadlys.

Lez Beckett was a picture of astonishment as he accepted his award for Most Promising New Talent in Music at this year's Deadlys.

Grasping his award with one hand and looking with bewildered happiness from it to the audience and back again, he admitted that he never for a moment would win.

"I thought Wire was going to win," he said several times, referring to fellow nominee Wire MC.

Lez's disbelief and obvious delight at winning the award made for a charming and memorable Deadlys moment.

Lez also spoke of his admiration of the award's other nominees – Deniece Hudson and Blake Ralph.

Lez is certainly an impressive talent. This hip hop artist, producer, performer and teacher has been spreading the hip hop gospel across Australia for many years. His music has featured in countless compilations and he has performed at festivals across Australia and the world.

Lez is currently based in Sydney, where he has just finished recording a brand new EP with his new crew, Cypher Duem. The EP, titled *We Were Soldiers*, is due for release in November of this year.

Apart from his performing and recording commitments, Lez continues to run hip hop programs in Indigenous communities throughout Australia.





COMPREHENSION

★ In *Bowled Over*, we read that hip hop star Lez Beckett won the Deadly for Most Promising New Talent in Music.

1. How did Lez Beckett feel when he won the award?

2. Find phrases in the article that show how Lez felt.

Example: "picture of astonishment"

3. Which statement uses the correct article (a/an):

- a) Les was a picture of astonishment as he accepted his award.
- b) Les was an picture of astonishment as he accepted his award.

- a) Lez is certainly an impressive talent.
- b) Lez certainly is a impressive talent.

4. Which statements use the correct verb tense?

- a) He admitted that he never thought that he would win.
- b) He admit that he never think that he will win.

- a) Lez has been spreading the hip hop gospel across Australia for many years.
- b) Lez has been spread the hip hop gospel across Australia for many years.

- a) He has performed at festivals across Australia.
- b) He has perform at festivals across Australia?

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FIVE WAYS OF GETTING INTO THE STYLE OF VIBE

The Deadlys 2005 was the most incredible Deadlys yet, with a host of stars, sensational performances and some very deserving winners. It's pretty tough to pick just five of the best Deadly moments, but here's what we think made the grade, in no particular order.



1. RETURN OF THE CHAMP

36 years ago he captured the hearts of the nation, and at the 2005 Deadly Awards Lionel Rose once again proved that he is the undisputed people's champion. In one of the most stirring moments of the evening, the first-ever Aboriginal World Champion and master boxer, Lionel Rose, received an overwhelming standing ovation from the packed Deadlys audience as he received the second ever Ella Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport.

2. SILVER SCREEN HERO

There was hardly a dry eye in the house during one of the most emotional moments in Deadlys history when one of Indigenous Australia's true legends of the stage and screen, Justine Saunders, accepted her Lifetime Achievement Award. Fittingly, standing right alongside Justine as she accepted her award was one of her biggest admirers and long-time friends, Ernie Dingo. Justine delivered a moving speech and received a standing ovation from the adoring Deadlys crowd.



3. CASEY SOARS

Last year, Casey Donovan missed the Deadlys due to her Australian Idol commitments. This year she made up for her absence in 2004 by stealing the show. Making her way onto the stage in a dazzling old-fashioned Cinderella ball gown, Casey opened the Deadlys with a performance of Symphony of Life, and quite simply sung the house down. It was definitely Casey's night, as she went on to win two Deadly awards before the show was over.

4. THE BIG FINALE

One thing that regulars of the Deadlys have come to know over the years is that the show always finishes on a high note. And 2005 was certainly no exception, as the talented duo of Shakaya stormed the stage, surrounded by a crew of energetic dancers. Their performance of Are You Ready? had the audience enthralled from the opening beats, and the girls were joined on stage by American rap artist Nate Wade to create a Deadly finale to remember.



5. MARY G MEETS JOSH ROSS

It was one of the most comical moments of the night, but what else would you expect from Mary G, the Queen of the Kimberley. All the way from Broome in Western Australia, Mary G was in top form for Deadlys night. She accepted her award for Excellence in Film and Theatrical score from Josh Ross, but not before demanding a kiss on both cheeks from the popular sprinter, firing off a cheeky remark that brought the house down.

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1. Who was the first ever Aboriginal world champion and master boxer?

2. To say that Casey "sung the house down" means

- a) The Opera House collapsed when Casey reached a high note
- b) Casey put on a deadly performance that everyone loved
- c) Casey sang really loudly



3. What are two reasons that the Deadlys have been so successful?

DESCRIBING WORDS

In *The Vibe 5*, the writers have used a range of **adjectives** and **adjectival clauses** to describe the Deadlys and give positive information about the awards.

If we take out these words, the sentences still make sense, but we don't know a lot about how the writer feels about the subject.



FOR EXAMPLE:

The Deadlys 2005 **was the most incredible Deadlys yet**, with a **host of stars, sensational** performances and **some very deserving** winners. It's **pretty** tough to pick **just** five of the **best Deadly** moments, but here's what we think made the grade in no **particular** order.

If we take out the descriptive words, this becomes:

The Deadlys 2005, with performances and winners. It's tough to pick five of the moments, but here's what we think made the grade in no order.

1. Fill in the words used in the introduction that give more information:

The Deadlys 2005 _____,
with _____ stars, _____
performances and _____ winners. It's
_____ tough to pick _____ five of the _____ moments,
but here's what we think made the grade in no _____
order.

2. Using a thesaurus and following the writer’s pattern, fill in the paragraph with your own words to describe the Deadlys.

The Deadlys 2005 _____
 with _____ stars, _____
 performances and _____ winners. It’s
 _____ to pick _____ five of the _____ moments,
 but here’s what we think made the grade in no _____ order.



NOTE TAKING

Complete the following table with information from the article on Lez Beckett.

What I already know	What I want to learn	What I learnt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ risingstar ▪ m_____ ▪ proud of..... ▪ he’s a p_____ ▪ he’s a p_____ ▪ he’s a t_____ ▪ his EP “We w_____ s_____” is due out_____ ▪ he runs programs for in communities 	<p>My 5 questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ _____ 2. _____ _____ 3. _____ _____ 4. _____ _____ 5. _____ _____ 	