

# Young, beautiful and talented

Ariana Grande-Butera is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. She's good at dancing, too! Her musical style is pop and R&B\*. She's a big fan<sup>1</sup> of Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston.

## Family

She was born<sup>2</sup> in Florida, USA, in 1993. Her family comes from Italy. She has a half-brother\*\* called Frankie Grande. He's ten years older than she is. She's very close<sup>3</sup> to her grandma. Ariana calls her Nonna.

## Music

She has five albums. All the lead<sup>4</sup> songs of these albums are in the top ten! She can sing four octaves\*\*\*! She also sings with other singers, for example Justin Bieber, Missy Elliot, and Lady Gaga.

## Social media

She's a social media superstar! She starts on Youtube in 2007. She has over 76 million followers on Twitter. She's very active on Instagram. She's called the Queen of Instagram, with over 200 million followers.

## Interests

She loves watching horror films, and she really likes Halloween. She's a fan of Harry Potter, too. She also likes watching ice hockey. Her favourite board game<sup>5</sup> is Monopoly. And she's never tired of playing it!

## Ariana and animals

She has nine dogs. But she's allergic to cats. She's a vegan. Vegans don't eat any animal products.



# Ariana Grande

**ARIANA'S MESSAGE TO YOU:**  
Be happy being you!  
It's OK to be different.  
Love your flaws<sup>8</sup>!



Ariana singing at a concert.

### LANGUAGE NOTE

- \* **R&B** [ɑː ən 'bi:] – rhythm and blues – music with elements of pop, hip hop, soul, funk, and electronic music
- \*\* **half-brother** – they have the same mother, but different fathers
- \*\*\* **octave** ['ɒktɪv] – eight tones

### WRITE

Fill in the missing words.

- a. Ariana likes \_\_\_\_\_ ice hockey.
- b. Her favourite \_\_\_\_\_ is Monopoly.
- c. She's good at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. She can \_\_\_\_\_ four octaves.
- e. She doesn't eat any \_\_\_\_\_ products.

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### TASK 2 jump

### WRITE

Write the words!

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- e. 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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## Discography

- 1<sup>st</sup> album, 2013 **Yours Truly**<sup>6</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> album, 2014 **My Everything**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> album, 2016 **Dangerous**<sup>7</sup> Woman
- 4<sup>th</sup> album, 2018 **Sweetener**
- 5<sup>th</sup> album, 2019 **Thank U, Next**



Ariana singing and dancing.

