

EFL ENGLISH DAILY



[Keywords](#)



[Hit album at 80!](#)

- 1, land
- 2, prestigious
- 3, go viral
- 4, cope
- 5, awareness
- 6, recognise
- 7, emerged
- 8, dubbed
- 9, proceeds
- 10, released

An 80-year-old Englishman with Alzheimer's disease, who shot to fame when his son posted videos of them singing together in the car, has landed a prestigious record deal. Ted McDermott has been signed up by Decca Records after his "carpool karaoke" videos went viral, with over 40 million views. His son Simon discovered that singing in the car, while he drove his father around Blackburn in the UK, helped the pensioner cope with his Alzheimer's disease.



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He posted the videos online to increase awareness of the Alzheimer's Society, and raised £114,000 in the process. McDermott, who has difficulty recognising his own son after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2013, is able to remember the words to several songs.



Comprehension

- 1, Why did the man become famous?
- 2, What happened after the videos spread rapidly on the internet?
- 3, What benefit does singing have for him?
- 4, How has a charity benefitted, too?
- 5, What nickname has he been given?
- 6, What will happen to the money made from the purchases?

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He sang all his life as a Butlin's Redcoat and in clubs around the country. Since the videos emerged he has been dubbed the "songamminute man".

Now he has recorded You Make Me Feel So Young, famously recorded by Frank Sinatra, with proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Society and the McDermott family.

The track, released on September 23rd this year, was recorded in London with the Guy Barker Big Band and mixed and mastered at the world-famous Abbey Road Studios.



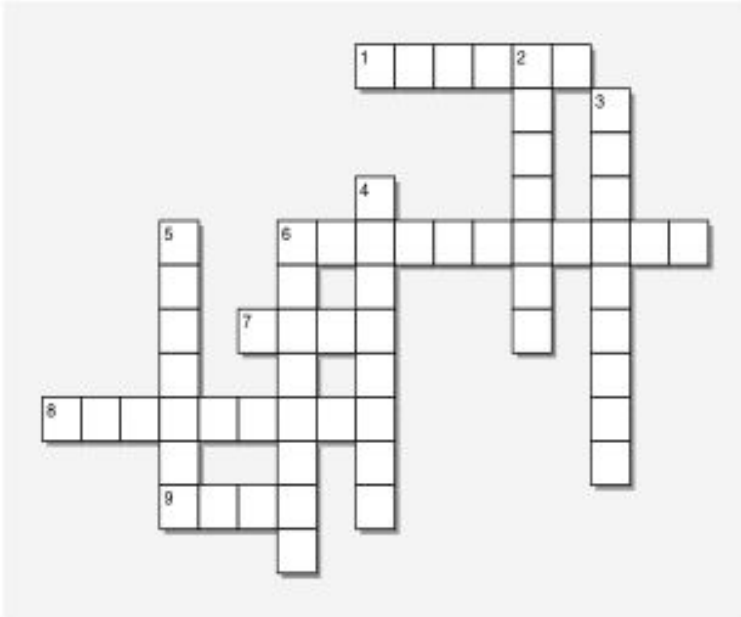
Conversation

- 1, What music genres to you listen to the most?
- 2, Do you have an artistic talent?
- 3, Who would you most like to see in concert?
- 4, When did you last donate to a charity?
- 5, What causes do you donate to charity for?
- 6, Do you know anyone affected by dementia?





Crossword (using the Key Words on page 1)



Across

- 1. Be given a name
- 6. highly valued
- 7. To do without stress
- 8. Understand a situation
- 9. To be given something important

Down

- 2. Become visible or known to people
- 3. To see a person or thing and remember it
- 4. Become available
- 5. To spread widely and quickly
- 6. Money raised from a sale

Your chance to write....

Tell us about an interesting video you saw recently?.....

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