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# Coachella Weekend 2 Surpasses Weekend 1 in Popularity

## Description

Coachella 2026 surprised many by hosting numerous guest performances, including stars like Madonna, SZA, Billie Eilish, and J Balvin, during its less-publicised second weekend. This shift highlights a notable change in festival dynamics and audience engagement.

During Weekend 1, Justin Bieber featured guests like Dijon and Mk.Gee, while in Weekend 2, he upped the ante by bringing out SZA, Billie Eilish, and Sexyy Red. Similarly, artists like Karol G and Giveon presented different collaborations across the two weekends. Notably, Addison Rae welcomed Olivia Rodrigo during her second set, marking a significant live debut for Rodrigo's new single.

The trend continued as Sabrina Carpenter performed three songs with Madonna, prompting some attendees to question their choice to attend Weekend 1 instead. Additionally, Alex G engaged the audience by jumping into the crowd, adding to the excitement of Weekend 2. The Strokes presented a politically charged video at the end of their set, addressing U.S. global interventions and conflicts in Gaza and Iran.

Traditionally, artists have focused on similar sets for both weekends. However, this year saw a shift where Weekend 2 outshone its predecessor. Insiders suggest that artists may wish to make a bigger statement when the pressure of the first weekend is gone.

Additionally, with fewer influencers and late-night parties, the audience for Weekend 2 often appears more committed to the music. This year's turnout could indicate a positive shift for future festivals, leading to greater significance for Weekend 2 going forward.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **shift** //ʃɪft// (noun): a change in what is happening
2. **dynamics** //daɪ'næmɪks// (noun): how parts of something work together
3. **engagement** //ɛn'geɪdʒmənt// (noun): people's attention and interest in something
4. **debut** //deɪ'bjʊ// (noun): first public appearance of someone or something
5. **interventions** //,ɪntər'veɪnfənz// (noun): actions to change events in another place
6. **turnout** //ˈtɜːnaʊt// (noun): the number of people who attend an event

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. Which artist featured guests like Dijon and Mk.Gee during Weekend 1?  
Option: Justin Bieber  
Option: Madonna  
Option: Addison Rae  
Option: Karol G
2. Which artist made a significant live debut for a new single during Coachella 2026?  
Option: Olivia Rodrigo  
Option: Billie Eilish  
Option: SZA  
Option: Sexyy Red
3. Which artist performed three songs with Madonna during Weekend 2?  
Option: Addison Rae  
Option: Sabrina Carpenter  
Option: Karol G  
Option: Billie Eilish
4. What notable action did Alex G take during his performance?  
Option: Jumped into the crowd  
Option: Welcomed a guest  
Option: Performed a politically charged video  
Option: Collaborated with Madonna
5. What change was highlighted in the festival dynamics for Coachella 2026?  
Option: Weekend 2 outshone Weekend 1  
Option: More late-night parties  
Option: Fewer artists performing  
Option: No guest performances
6. Who hosted numerous guest performances during Coachella 2026's second weekend?  
Option: Madonna  
Option: SZA  
Option: Billie Eilish  
Option: All of the above



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### True-False

7. Weekend 2 featured less audience engagement compared to Weekend 1.
8. The Strokes presented a politically charged video related to U.S. global interventions.
9. Justin Bieber did not have any guest performers during Weekend 1.
10. Addison Rae introduced Olivia Rodrigo during her first set.
11. Coachella 2026 saw a traditional focus on similar sets for both weekends.
12. The audience for Weekend 2 appeared less committed to the music.

### Gap-Fill

13. During Weekend 1, Justin Bieber featured guests like Dijon and \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. The artist who performed three songs with Madonna was \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. The politically charged video presented by The Strokes addressed conflicts in \_\_\_\_\_  
and Iran.
16. This year saw a shift where Weekend 2 outshone its \_\_\_\_\_ .
17. Fewer influencers and late-night parties made the audience for Weekend 2 appear more  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the music.
18. The significant live debut for Rodrigo's new single occurred during her performance with  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Justin Bieber 2. Olivia Rodrigo 3. Sabrina Carpenter 4. Jumped into the crowd 5. Weekend 2 outshone Weekend 1 6. All of the above

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Mk.Gee



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14. Sabrina Carpenter 15. Gaza 16. predecessor 17. committed 18. Addison Rae

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