



# Michael Bolton Confronts New Reality After Brain Cancer Diagnosis

## Description

Michael Bolton is battling glioblastoma, a particularly aggressive form of brain cancer that necessitated emergency surgery 16 months ago. Following this procedure, during which a tumor was fully removed, the renowned singer remained silent about his condition. Recently, however, he has begun to share his journey, expressing a “heightened sense of appreciation” for life and emphasizing the importance of making the best out of difficult circumstances.

"Surrendering to the challenge is not an option," Bolton disclosed in an exclusive interview with [People](#). "You quickly find yourself in a duel; that's how you discover your true strength." His daughter Taryn recounted the troubling symptoms that prompted the diagnosis. Initially noticed during a November 2023 charity event on Richard Branson's private island, Bolton experienced nausea and balance issues, which were attributed to stress and overwork.

However, the situation escalated after Thanksgiving when he struggled with bowling and fell out of his chair, raising red flags for the family. "In hindsight, we missed many signs," Taryn expressed. Shortly thereafter, Bolton underwent diagnosis and surgery.

Since his initial surgery in December 2023, followed by a second procedure due to an infection, Bolton has largely stayed under the radar. Although his chemotherapy and radiation treatments concluded last October, he has chosen to forgo a prognosis. "I want to keep fighting; there's still much to accomplish," said the 72-year-old artist, revealing he has a song title in mind: "Ain't Going Down Without a Fight."

As he reflects on his mortality while spending precious time with his three daughters and six grandchildren, Bolton mused, "A new light has revealed questions, especially about whether I am making the most of my time." He continues to meditate and engage with voice and physical therapy, determined to recover fully. "Disappointing my fans is the hardest thing," he noted, as he prepares for a phased return to performing.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **glioblastoma** /ˌɡlaɪəʊblæs'toʊmə/ (noun): A type of aggressive brain cancer that arises from glial cells.
2. **appreciation** /əˌpriːʃi'eɪʃən/ (noun): Recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone or something.
3. **surrendering** /sə'rendərɪŋ/ (verb): To give up or relinquish control.
4. **diagnosis** /ˌdaɪəɡ'nɒsɪs/ (noun): The identification of the nature of an illness or condition.
5. **escalated** /'ɛs.kə.leɪ.tɪd/ (verb): Increased or intensified especially in a unfavorable manner.
6. **mortality** /mɔːr'tæləti/ (noun): The state of being subject to death.



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is a type of aggressive brain cancer?  
Option: Glioblastoma  
Option: Prostate cancer  
Option: Breast cancer  
Option: Lung cancer
2. What is a system of government characterized by strict obedience to authority at the expense of personal freedom?  
Option: Democracy  
Option: Authoritarianism  
Option: Anarchy  
Option: Fascism
3. What is the action of deceiving someone?  
Option: Truthfulness  
Option: Honesty  
Option: Deception  
Option: Transparency
4. What are additional problems that arise during or after a disease condition or treatment?  
Option: Solutions  
Option: Complications  
Option: Improvements  
Option: Remedies
5. What is a gift declaration or other acknowledgment of gratitude respect or admiration?  
Option: Apology  
Option: Criticism  
Option: Tribute  
Option: Insult
6. Which term refers to a person or thing that is widely recognized and well-established?  
Option: Ordinary  
Option: Iconic  
Option: Unfamiliar  
Option: Nonconforming



7. Who is a person thought to be guilty of a crime?

- Option: Innocent
- Option: Bystander
- Option: Witness
- Option: Suspect

8. What is the act of focusing one's mind for a period of time in silence or with the aid of chanting for religious or spiritual purposes?

- Option: Sleep
- Option: Meditate
- Option: Eat
- Option: Run

9. What is behaving as though one is sexually attracted to someone but playfully rather than with serious intentions?

- Option: Ignoring
- Option: Working
- Option: Flirting
- Option: Arguing

10. What is the state or condition of being free from being observed or disturbed by other people?

- Option: Publicity
- Option: Privacy
- Option: Transparency
- Option: Fame

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The issue of cybersecurity is a \_\_\_\_\_ problem in the modern digital age.

12. The company aims to \_\_\_\_\_ itself as a leader in sustainable technology.

13. Despite repeated attempts to contact him he remained \_\_\_\_\_ to our messages.

14. She is known for her \_\_\_\_\_ contributions to various charitable organizations.

15. The meeting concluded on a \_\_\_\_\_ note with both parties expressing goodwill.

16. The doctor provided a positive \_\_\_\_\_ for the patient's recovery.

17. The security team monitored the premises \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent any unauthorized



access.

18. The elaborate scheme involved a web of lies and \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve its goals.

19. She wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ letter expressing her deepest emotions and gratitude.

20. The army considered \_\_\_\_\_ to the enemy rather than facing defeat.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. These are indications of a disease or condition experienced by a person.
22. A political ideology that exalts nation and often race above the individual.
23. A post-mortem examination to discover the cause of death.
24. All the money and property owned by a particular person especially at death.
25. To make secret or new information known.
26. A court order that compels or prevents a party from specific acts.
27. The action of keeping someone or something under control or within limits.
28. To think deeply or focus one's mind for a period of time usually for spiritual purposes.
29. Additional problems that arise during or after a condition or treatment.
30. A medical examination of a dead body to determine the cause of death.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Glioblastoma 2. Authoritarianism 3. Deception 4. Complications 5. Tribute 6. Iconic  
7. Suspect 8. Meditate 9. Flirting 10. Privacy

**Gap-Fill:** 11. recurring 12. establish 13. unresponsive 14. generous 15. cordial 16. prognosis 17. vigilantly  
18. deception 19. heartfelt 20. surrendering

**Matching sentence:** 1. symptoms 2. fascism 3. autopsy 4. estate 5. disclose 6. injunction 7. restraint 8.  
meditate 9. complications 10. autopsy

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