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## Rock Icon David Johansen, New York Dolls Frontman, Dies at 75.

### Description

David Johansen, the singer and songwriter known for his work with the New York Dolls, a pioneering glam rock and punk band, passed away at the age of 75 in his home on Staten Island. His stepdaughter, Leah Hennessey, confirmed his death. Johansen had been battling Stage 4 cancer, a brain tumor, and a broken back, and had recently sought help through a fundraising campaign.

Throughout his career, Johansen dabbled in various music genres, finding success in the late 1980s and early 1990s with his alter ego, Buster Poindexter. However, it was his time with the New York Dolls in the 1970s that left a lasting impact on the music industry, inspiring many punk, heavy metal, and alternative musicians.

One notable fan of the New York Dolls was Morrissey, lead singer of the Smiths, who became the president of the band's British fan club after being mesmerized by their performance on a BBC broadcast in 1973.

The New York Dolls stood out for their provocative and boundary-pushing acts, particularly their penchant for wearing women's clothing. Their bold fashion choices and rebellious attitude paved the way for a new wave of rock and roll.

Johansen, reflecting on the band's flamboyant style, once remarked, "These heavy metal bands in L.A. don't have the market cornered on wearing their mothers' clothes," showcasing his unique perspective on music and fashion.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Pioneering** /ˈpaɪə,niəriŋ/ (adjective): Involving new ideas or methods; innovative.
2. **Battling** /ˈbæt.əl.ɪŋ/ (verb): Engaging in a struggle or conflict.
3. **Provocative** /prəˈvɒk.ə.tɪv/ (adjective): Causing a strong reaction or response.
4. **Flamboyant** /flamˈbɔɪ.ənt/ (adjective): Characterized by exuberance or extravagance; showy.
5. **Impact** /ˈɪm.pækt/ (noun): The strong effect or influence that something has.
6. **Mesmerized** /ˈmez.mə.raɪzd/ (verb): Fascinated or captivated; entranced.

### Comprehension Questions



### Multiple Choice

1. How old was David Johansen when he passed away?  
Option: 65  
Option: 70  
Option: 75  
Option: 80
  
2. Which music genres did David Johansen find success in during the late 1980s and early 1990s?  
Option: Jazz and Blues  
Option: Rap and Hip Hop  
Option: Country and Folk  
Option: Reggae and Ska
  
3. Who was a notable fan of the New York Dolls?  
Option: Elton John  
Option: Morrissey  
Option: Madonna  
Option: Kurt Cobain
  
4. What did the New York Dolls become known for in terms of their fashion choices?  
Option: Wearing suits and ties  
Option: Wearing women's clothing  
Option: Wearing cowboy attire  
Option: Wearing military uniforms
  
5. Which alter ego did David Johansen find success with in the late 1980s and early 1990s?  
Option: Buster Poindexter  
Option: Johnny Rotten  
Option: Iggy Pop  
Option: Alice Cooper
  
6. Which year did Morrissey become the president of the New York Dolls' British fan club?  
Option: 1969  
Option: 1973  
Option: 1980  
Option: 1995



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### True-False

- 7. David Johansen passed away in Los Angeles.
- 8. Morrissey was the lead singer of the Rolling Stones.
- 9. The New York Dolls inspired many country music musicians.
- 10. David Johansen's alter ego was known as Buster Poindexter.
- 11. The New York Dolls were known for their conservative style.
- 12. Morrissey was a fan of the New York Dolls before becoming a musician himself.

### Gap-Fill

- 13. David Johansen passed away at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14. The New York Dolls' fashion choices included wearing \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.
- 15. Morrissey became the president of the New York Dolls' British fan club in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16. David Johansen found success with his alter ego, Buster Poindexter, in the \_\_\_\_\_ and early 1990s.
- 17. The New York Dolls were known for inspiring many \_\_\_\_\_, heavy metal, and alternative musicians.
- 18. David Johansen had been battling Stage 4 cancer, a brain tumor, and a broken back before his passing and had recently sought help through \_\_\_\_\_ campaign.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 75 2. Jazz and Blues 3. Morrissey 4. Wearing women's clothing 5. Buster Poindexter 6. 1973

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 75



14. women's 15. 1973 16. late 1980s 17. punk 18. a fundraising

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the term for the action of consenting to receive or undertake something offered?

- Option: Recognition
- Option: Acclaim
- Option: Acceptance
- Option: Anecdote

2. Which term describes something causing annoyance anger or another strong reaction especially deliberately?

- Option: Stunning
- Option: Humorous
- Option: Provocative
- Option: Flamboyant

3. Who are individuals who take part in an event or process?

- Option: Logistics
- Option: Themes
- Option: Participants
- Option: Accommodations

4. What term is used to describe the action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another?

- Option: Recognition
- Option: Acclaim
- Option: Impact
- Option: Mesmerized

5. Which term is used to describe something or someone dearly loved?

- Option: Highlight
- Option: Popularity
- Option: Impact
- Option: Beloved

6. What describes something that is involving new ideas or methods?

- Option: Provocative
- Option: Pioneering
- Option: Exciting



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Option: Stranded

7. What is the term for providing financial resources for something?

- Option: Producer
- Option: Programming
- Option: Acronym
- Option: Financed

8. What is the term for the action or process of recognizing or being recognized especially on account of achievements?

- Option: Recognition
- Option: Acclaim
- Option: Anecdote
- Option: Acceptance

9. What are central ideas in an artistic work or events?

- Option: Exploring
- Option: Support
- Option: Themes
- Option: Attention

10. What is the detailed organization and implementation of a complex operation?

- Option: Exciting
- Option: Stranded
- Option: Logistics
- Option: Lineup

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

11. What term is used to describe an abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word?

12. Which term describes causing amusement or laughter?

13. What is the term for giving assistance to someone or something?

14. What describes causing great enthusiasm and eagerness?

15. What is the term for the acknowledgment of something's existence validity or legality?



16. What is a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person?
17. Who is an individual who takes part in an event or process?
18. What term is used to describe extremely impressive or attractive?
19. What is the state or condition of being liked admired or supported by many people?
20. Who is a person responsible for the financial and managerial aspects of making a film?

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

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| 21. The superhero spent most of the movie against the villains to save the city.                |
| 22. The fashion designer created a collection of outfits that dazzled the audience.             |
| 23. The magician's performance the audience leaving them in awe of his tricks.                  |
| 24. The hotel provided luxurious for the guests ensuring a comfortable stay.                    |
| 25. The music festival showcased a diverse and exciting of artists.                             |
| 26. The elderly couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a testament to their bond.     |
| 27. In times of need friends and family provide valuable to help overcome challenges.           |
| 28. The art exhibition explored various social and cultural through thought-provoking artworks. |
| 29. The documentary film focused on the uncharted territories of the deep sea.                  |
| 30. The award ceremony's biggest was the surprise performance by a legendary singer.            |

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Acceptance 2. Provocative 3. Participants 4. Impact 5. Beloved 6. Pioneering 7. Financed 8. Recognition 9. Themes 10. Logistics

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Acronym 12. Humorous 13. Support 14. Exciting 15. Recognition 16. Anecdote 17. Participant 18. Stunning 19. Popularity 20. Producers

**Matching sentence:** 1. Battling 2. Flamboyant 3. Mesmerized 4. Accommodations 5. Lineup 6. Beloved 7. Support 8. Themes 9. Exploring 10. Highlight



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