Jerusalema Dance Challenge

Questions:

1. Find two words in paragraph 1 that both mean "contagious".
2. Can we describe a good thing as "viral", or only a bad thing? (Par. 1)
3. What is a genre? (Par. 2)
4. Find a synonym for "separate" or "disconnected" in the paragraph 2.
5. Find a synonym for "beg" or "request" in paragraph 2.
6. When was the song *Jerusalema* initially released?
7. What does it mean to say that the song "exploded onto the world stage"? (Par. 2)
8. Why do you think the song has become so popular?
9. How do we know that there was a problem between South Africa and Nigeria in the past?
10. Are things better now?
11. What is the meaning of the prefix "pan" as in "pan-African"? (Par. 3)
12. If something is enviable, are we saying that it is positive or negative? (Par. 4)
13. Give two internet terms that have become English verbs. (Par. 4)
14. Find a synonym for "huge" or "impressive" in the context of describing someone's accomplishments. (Par. 4)

Answers:

1. Viral or catchy.
2. It can be used for a good thing, such as musical or cultural trends. This distinguishes the word "viral" as it appears in a medical context, where it is only negative.
3. A genre is a form or type of text or production. If the student does not know the meaning of the word, he/she should glean it from the immediate context.
4. Disparate - "Its lyrics represent a crossover between two usually disparate genres: house music and gospel music."
5. Implore - "The words implore God to guard the singer and walk with him."
6. November 2019. Later on, the text, we see "June 2020", but this latter date is the date of the remix.
7. Allow the student to paraphrase this idiomatic language.
   Possible answers:
   • suddenly became famous around the world
   • made a big impact
   • became a huge phenomenon in a short space of time
8. Allow the student to paraphrase the text, or come up with his/her own thoughts. In the text, the following suggestion is made: "The hopeful lyrics and upbeat tune have brought people together from all over the world, in a time in which we all need something to smile about."
9. The phrase "diplomatic rift" tells us that there was a problem.
10. Yes, because the text tells us that the project has helped to "heal a diplomatic rift between South Africa and Nigeria".
11. The prefix connotes unity between many parts of a whole. "Pan-African" means "all of Africa".
12. We are saying it is positive.
13. Google and Shazam.
14. Astronomical