

THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

A 96-year-old DJ has retired after broadcasting for more than seven decades. Ray Cordeiro hosted his final radio show in Hong Kong. It has been running on the RTHK station since 1970. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary broadcaster in Hong Kong and is a household name for several generations of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided it was the right time to hang up his boots on his show All The Way With Ray on Saturday night. He ended his final programme with his customary words: "Well, that's it. Thank you very much for tuning in. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "luckiest man in the world". He told listeners: "To do what I want to do, to love what I want to love. I don't think I have any regrets."

Ray Cordeiro is affectionately called Uncle Ray. He is known for his trademark baritone voice and for wearing a flat cap. His shows were full of easy-listening music and chat in English and Cantonese. In 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records awarded him the title of the world's most durable DJ. His fame extended beyond the shores of Hong Kong. In his role as Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names in the music industry, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said: "Working these past many months in the presence of COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am in the high-risk demographic."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-57129010>
<https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3133376/uncle-ray-always-hit-listeners>
<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/ray-cordeiro-96-year-old-radio-dj-bids-farewell-in-hong-kong-14815506>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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| 1. broadcasting | a. All of the people born around the same time, thought of as a group. |
| 2. decade | b. Feel sad or disappointed over something that has happened or been done, especially a loss or missed opportunity. |
| 3. legendary | c. Sending a radio or television show to listeners or viewers. |
| 4. household name | d. A period of ten years. |
| 5. generation | e. Commonly known by a lot of people. |
| 6. customary | f. According to a person's usual practice or ways. |
| 7. regret | g. Very, very well known; famous. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. affectionately | h. A particular area of economic or commercial activity. |
| 9. trademark | i. Made larger. |
| 10. baritone | j. Able to withstand pressure; having endurance. |
| 11. durable | k. In a way that displays fondness or tenderness. |
| 12. extended | l. Relating to the structure of populations. |
| 13. industry | m. A habit, quality, or way of life that is typical of someone. |
| 14. demographic | n. A kind of deep voice. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/210518-dj.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A man who worked as a DJ for over 70 years retired. **T / F**
2. The man founded and set up a radio station called RTHK in 1970. **T / F**
3. The DJ was known for hanging up his boots in his studio. **T / F**
4. The DJ is full of regrets about his career. **T / F**
5. The DJ was well known for playing opera - especially baritone voices. **T / F**
6. The Guinness Book of World Records said he was the oldest ever DJ. **T / F**
7. The DJ got to know the group The Beatles. **T / F**
8. The DJ is resigning because of fears over COVID-19. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. running | a. traditional |
| 2. veteran | b. recognized |
| 3. customary | c. adore |
| 4. luckiest | d. business |
| 5. love | e. airing |
| 6. known | f. acclaimed |
| 7. awarded | g. most fortunate |
| 8. celebrated | h. precarious |
| 9. industry | i. long-serving |
| 10. high-risk | j. given |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. broadcasting for more than | a. risk demographic |
| 2. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary | b. in the music industry |
| 3. a household name for | c. tuning in |
| 4. Thank you very much for | d. seven decades |
| 5. I don't think I have | e. broadcaster |
| 6. He is known for his trademark | f. his decision to retire |
| 7. Hong Kong's most | g. any regrets |
| 8. some of the biggest names | h. baritone voice |
| 9. COVID-19 affected | i. celebrated broadcaster |
| 10. knowing that I am in the high- | j. several generations |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. For how long was Ray Cordeiro a DJ?
2. When did the radio station RTHK begin broadcasting?
3. What did Ray decide it was time for him to do to his boots?
4. How lucky did Ray say he felt?
5. What did Ray say he didn't have any of?
6. What is the DJ's nickname?
7. What two languages did Ray use on his radio show?
8. What title did the Guinness Book of World Records give to him?
9. What is the big music industry name that Ray got to know?
10. What did Ray say he was in regarding COVID-19?

RADIO SHOWS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'record'?
3. What do you think of DJs?
4. What kind of people make good DJs?
5. Would you like the same career for seven decades?
6. Who is your favourite DJ or radio presenter?
7. What do you think of radio shows?
8. Is music radio or chat radio best?
9. Do you have any regrets?
10. What do you want to do in life?

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RADIO SHOWS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'retire'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is there any need for radio in this Internet age?
15. What do you think of easy-listening radio shows?
16. What kind of DJ do you think you would be?
17. What advice do you have for Ray?
18. What do you think Ray should do next?
19. In what ways is radio better than television?
20. What questions would you like to ask the DJ?