

Maria Eva Duarte was born near Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her family was poor so she went to Buenos Aires at the age of 15 to become an actress. She met Juan Perón there in 1944 when she was a successful radio actress and married him the following year.

Juan Perón had held various government posts since 1943. When he became president of Argentina in 1946, Evita (= "little Eva") ran the ministries of Labour and of Health. By 1947 she owned or controlled almost every radio station in Argentina, and had closed or banned over 100 newspapers and magazines.

She was a gifted speaker and campaigned hard for women's rights. However, her bid to become vice-president was blocked by military leaders who feared she might one day become president and be in charge of them. Her death from cancer shortly afterwards contributed to the decline of her husband's regime.



actress: Schauspielerin
successful: erfolgreich
government: Regierung
labour: Arbeit
health: Gesundheit
own: besitzen

close: schliessen
ban: verbannen
gifted: begabt
campaign: ins Feld ziehen
bid: Wunsch, Bewerbung
fear: fürchten

in charge of: verantwortlich, leiten
cancer: Krebs
contribute: beitragen
decline: Niedergang
regime: Herrschaft

YES or NO?

Evita came from a rich family. *NO*
 Evita was French.
 Evita was an actress.
 Evita married Juan Perón.
 Evita was against women's rights.

When Evita was a minister she fought for press freedom.
 Evita was the president of Argentina.
 The army generals helped her to become vice-president of the country.
 Evita died of cancer.

Streiche, was nicht in die Reihe passt:

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| Argentina | Peru | Brazil | Sweden | Bolivia |
| Juan Perón | Salvador Allende | Pancho Villa | Hugo Chavez | Helmut Kohl |
| Buenos Aires | Washington DC | Mexico City | New York | Ottawa |
| good | excellent | gifted | successful | poor |
| run | control | forget | own | have |
| bid | desire | want | wish | hate |

Translate:

Sie ging in die Hauptstadt, um Schauspielerin zu werden.

 Im folgenden Jahr wurde er Präsident Argentinien.

 Er traf sie 1944.
 Sie besaß viele Radiostationen.
 Sie starb an Krebs.
 Weine nicht um mich, Argentinien.

