

Conversation Lesson - Music

Task 1 - Find Someone Who

Find somebody who....

	Name	More Information?
....Listens to rock music		
.....used to play a musical instrument but gave up		
....goes to rock or pop concerts regularly		
....thinks they can't sing		
.....listens to different music than they did five years ago		
....says they <i>can</i> sing		
....has met a famous musician		
....likes the same music as you		

Task 2: Music Choices

Listen to the music choices. Complete the table for each piece of music. Circle a number. (1= strongly disagree, 5= strongly agree)

Name of song and singer / band	I love this song	It makes me want to dance	The music and lyrics go well together	It's a breath of fresh air	It's too unlike the music I usually listen to	Your own comments
	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
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Task 5: Role play

You can't just have it for free!

You are a famous recording artist who's had a lot of success over the years, and who's made a lot of money. But even so, you simply don't believe that people should be allowed to download music from the internet for free. You wrote it, you did the work, you recorded it, performed it and produced it. You even sometimes sing free for charity. But you think it is wrong that people can take it for nothing.

Defend yourself. OK, you have money yourself, but not all singers do, and above all it's a question of principle:

- You are also defending the rights of other singers who are poor and who might lose their livelihood if their music is available for free, for anybody who wants it.
- Why should musicians work for free? Nobody else works for nothing.
- You think the quality of music will fall if free downloading becomes the main way of obtaining music.

Now think of some more things you can say.

You've already got enough money!

You are a 19 year old music fan and a student. You love music, but you don't have a lot of spare money. For this reason, you download a lot of music from the internet. You know it's illegal, but you think this is wrong. You think music is shared by the people, and you should not have to pay for it.

But a famous musician disagrees. They ask, why should you get it for free?

- You think that millionaire musicians don't need any more money from music sales.
- You think that music is the voice of the people and not owned by one person.
- You think that more people will be able to enjoy music if it available for free.

Now think of some more things you can say.