

## Music

### Task 1 Music A – Z

Think about words connected to Music.

Try to write one word beginning with each letter of the alphabet. You could use musical instruments, types of music, singers, bands etc.

Music A - Z	
A –	
B –	
C –	
D –	
E –	
F –	
G –	
H –	
I –	
J –	
K –	
L –	
M –	
N –	
O –	
P –	
Q –	
R –	
S –	
T –	
U –	
V –	
W –	
X –	
Y –	
Z –	

**Task 2 Music find somebody who...**

Before you start, complete the two blank spaces in the table with something you want to find out about your classmates.

Find somebody who...	Name	Extra information
... has been to a concert recently		
... plays a musical instrument		
... listens to music on a walkman / discman / mp3 player		
... has a favourite band or singer		
... downloads music from the internet		
... would like to be in a band		
...		
...		

- What did you find out about your class mates?

**Task 3 Music clips**

You are going to listen to some different types of music. Complete the table with your comments.

Clip	Type of music	Your opinion	How does it make you feel?
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

- Which of the different types of music would you prefer to listen to in the following places:
  - At a party?
  - In a supermarket?
  - In a restaurant?
  - At home when you're studying?
  - At home when you're relaxing?
- Do you think your taste in music will change in the future?
- Is music an important part of your life?

#### Task 4 A New Teenage Sound

Read the article and then answer the following questions:

- 1) How long does it take to produce a song and hear it on pirate radio nowadays?
- 2) Where did Dizzee Rascal produce his first album?
- 3) What computer game makes it possible for young people to make their own music?
- 4) What sort of music do the Animaniacs make?
- 5) Why does the writer compare 'grime' to 'punk'?

#### A New Teenage Sound from Trend UK

##### Grime

Technology has made it possible to compose and record a song on a standard PC, or a Sony PlayStation gaming console, burn the track on to a rewritable CD, pass it to a DJ and hear it played on a pirate radio station within hours. This process would have taken months not that long ago. Those that make the music define themselves as 'street', anti-fake and pro-'real'. 'Grime', the most prominent form, is multi-ethnic and, invariably, young and inner-city.

##### Dizzee Rascal

Last year's Mercury Music prize winning album *Boy in Da Corner* was produced by 18-year old Dylan 'Dizzee Rascal' Mills on his home computer, and his top-30 debut single. *I luv U* took just half an hour to record.

There is a big shift in British music and it's becoming a lot more accessible for more people to make it.

Making the most of these new opportunities is the younger generation, the people who were the first to grow up surrounded by digital technology. It is a game that has made this all possible, Playstation's *Music 2000*. It contains samples of drumbeats, basslines and strings sequenced across a number of recording tracks.

##### Animaniacs

MCs D-Dan, Tails, Skimzee, Gambles, Sway Kid, Teacher, Chaos, Mac B, Ripper, Trigger and DJ Klass-E are Tottenham's answer to the *So Solid Crew*. They are, however, pupils at a North London Community School. Made possible by the group's music teacher, the *Animaniacs* meet every lunchtime. There is great dedication, teacher, Greg Parker, states that there could easily be 100 pupils meeting but there are not enough resources. The music they produce is called 'eightbar', so called because each MC takes the mic, says his rhymes for eight bars then passes it on. Enthusiasm reigns, 'we do it to earn respect' says D-Dan, 'you look at Dizzee and think If I could do that, I'd be proud of myself'.

It is the mix of drive, independence and DIY ambition that equate 'grime' with the UK's last great youth music revolution, punk.

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Now discuss these questions:

- Had you ever heard of 'grime music' before reading the article?
- Do you know any of the artists mentioned in the text?
- Do you think music is getting better or worse in general?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a really famous pop star?

### Task 5 Role play

You are going to do a role play with a partner. Read your role card and prepare your thoughts before you begin.

A – You are a teenager who loves music but you don't have much money to buy CDs. Downloading music for free from the internet is your favourite hobby and you now have an amazing music collection. You think that singers and bands are all millionaires already so they don't need the money from selling CDs.

B – You are a famous singer. It makes you angry that people can steal your music by downloading it from the internet. You believe that the artists are losing out and that anyone who downloads music should be treated like a thief and put in prison for their crime.

### Task 6 Music Quiz

You are going to write a music quiz in a team. You must know the answers to the questions in the quiz. Write the ten questions here:

Music Quiz	
1	6
2	7
3	8
4	9
5	10