

Activity Type

Vocabulary Activity: gap-fill, multiple-choice quiz, guessing (group and pair work)

Focus

Music vocabulary

Aim

To practice vocabulary related to music.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this fun music activity, students complete trivia questions about music and then take part in a quiz using the questions.

Procedure

Divide the students into two groups (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

To begin, students complete music trivia questions using the words provided.

When the students have finished, check the answers with each group.

Answer key

Student A	Student B
1. hit	1. instruments
2. singer	2. stadium
3. instrument	3. singer
4. piano	4. album
5. album	5. festival
6. festival	6. tour
7. hip-hop	7. rock
8. guitarist	8. hit
9. band	9. band
10. song	10. fans

Next, students pair up with someone from the other group.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Students then take turns reading each music question along with three multiple-choice options to their partner, who has to try to guess the correct answer.

For each correct answer, students score one point.

The correct answers are shown in bold.

The student with the most points at the end of the quiz wins.

Student A
A. Complete the music trivia questions with the vocabulary below.

band song hip-hop piano hit album singer guitarist instrument festival

1. Which of the following songs was Lady Gaga's first number one?	a. Poker Face	b. Shallow	c. Just Dance
2. In which year did the American Michael Jackson die?	a. 2005	b. 2007	c. 2009
3. Which musical did the Beatles member Ringo Starr play?	a. the guitar	b. the drums	c. the bass
4. How many white keys are there on a?	a. 50	b. 51	c. 52
5. What is the first song on Katy Perry's, <i>Smile</i> ?	a. Only Love	b. Smile	c. Harley's in Hawaii
6. In which country is the famous Glastonbury music held each year?	a. England	b. Brazil	c. Spain
7. Which artist released an album called <i>Donda</i> in 2021?	a. Jay-Z	b. Eminem	c. Kanye West
8. Which English band had a called Keith Richards?	a. Queen	b. Oasis	c. The Rolling Stones
9. How many group members are in the American, The Jonas Brothers?	a. 2	b. 3	c. 4
10. Which American singer wrote and performed the <i>Happy</i> ?	a. Pharrell Williams	b. Bruno Mars	c. Ed Sheeran

B. Now, read each question and multiple-choice options to your partner, who has to guess the correct answer. For each correct guess, your partner scores one point.

Student B
A. Complete the music trivia questions with the vocabulary below.

fans hit tour festival singer instruments album rock band stadium

1. Which of these three musical is the loudest? a. the trumpet b. the piano c. the violin
2. Wembley Arena is a famous music in which European city? a. Geneva b. London c. Paris
3. Which South American country does the Shakira come from? a. Venezuela b. Brazil c. Colombia
4. How many songs are there on Katy Perry's, <i>Prism</i> ? a. 11 b. 12 c. 13
5. Which is the largest music in the world? a. Donauinselfest b. Rock in Rio c. Coachella
6. Which musician went on in 1984 to promote an album called <i>Thriller</i> ? a. Bryan Adams b. Michael Jackson c. George Michael
7. Which British band had a singer called Freddie Mercury? a. Led Zeppelin b. Queen c. Cold Play
8. In which year did Rihanna release her number one, <i>Umbrella</i> ? a. 2007 b. 2009 c. 2011
9. How many members did the Swedish ABBA have? a. 2 b. 3 c. 4
10. Which band had more following them than any group in history? a. The Beatles b. Nirvana c. The Rolling Stones

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