

Unit 7

Music in Our World

Circle the correct answer.

1. The man is playing
 - a. a piano.
 - b. a drum.
2. The light is coming from
 - a. the sun.
 - b. the moon.

Discuss.

What musical instrument do you like? Why?

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1 Listen and read. TR: B21

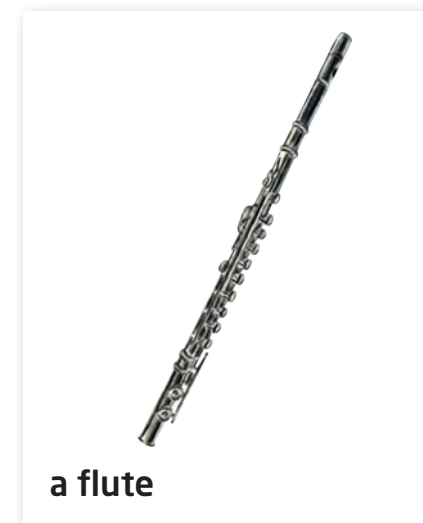
2 Listen and repeat. TR: B22

There are three main types of musical instrument:

1. Wind instruments - To make music, you blow air through them with your mouth. The **saxophone** and the **flute** are wind instruments.
2. String instruments - They make music when you move the strings. The **guitar** and the **violin** are string instruments.
3. Percussion instruments - You hit or shake them. The **drum** is a percussion instrument. The *thump, thump, thump* of a percussion instrument makes the **beat**.



a guitar



a flute



a drum

Would you like to be in a **band**? You have to **practice** hard, but when your band sounds good, you can play for an audience. Invite your friends to the **concert**! If you don't play an instrument but you have a good voice, you could be the **lead singer**!

3 Work with a partner. What did you learn? Ask and answer.



How many types of instrument are there?

There are three main types.



GRAMMAR TR: B23

Have you **ever played** the piano?
Have you **ever danced** to this music?
Has Lisa **ever been** to a concert?
Has she **ever heard** the saxophone?

Yes, I **have**.
 No, I **haven't**.
 Yes, she **has**.
 No, she **has never heard** it.

4 Read. Complete the sentences. Use *have* or *has*.

- This song is new. I haven't heard (not / hear) it before.
- I _____ (never / go) to see an opera. I don't think I'd like it.
- _____ (listen to) this band? Yes, I have.
- My dad _____ (never / dance)!

5 Play a game. Use the game board on page 109. Play in a small group. Ask and answer.



6 Listen and repeat. Then read and write. TR: B24



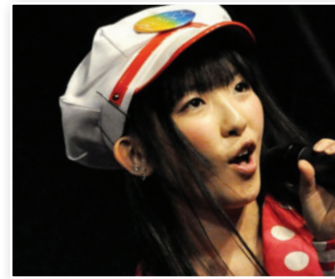
hip-hop



classical



rock



pop



jazz

- A large group of players, with violins, saxophones, and flutes often plays _____ music.
- Artists don't sing this kind of music. They say the words, instead. It's called _____.
- A small band with wind instruments, like the trumpet and saxophone, often plays _____.
- This music is made for many, many people to enjoy. It's easy to listen to. It's _____ music.
- A type of music with the guitar and a strong beat is _____.

7 Work with a partner. Talk and stick. Rank the types of music. (1 = most favorite) Discuss your favorite music and give examples of songs and performers.

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GRAMMAR TR: B25

He sings **more loudly than** I do.
I play the guitar **more often than** my brother.
She rides her bike **more carefully** these days.

She plays the violin **better than** he does.
He practices piano **less often than** I do.
They sing **worse than** they used to!

8 Work with a partner. Make comparisons. Ask and answer. Take turns.

1. Name two singers. Who sings more beautifully? Who sings more loudly?
2. Name two athletes. Who runs faster? Who wins more often?
3. Name two relatives. Who works or studies harder? Who speaks more quietly?
4. Name two types of music. Which type do you dance to better? Which do you listen to more often?

9 Play a game. Play with a partner. Take turns. Spin and make sentences.



10 Listen, read, and sing. TR: B26

Music Is Fun

*Have you ever listened to hip-hop?
Have you ever listened to drums?
I listen to all kinds of music.
It's amazing fun.*

*Listen to the saxophone.
Listen to the beat.
Listen to the melody.
Feel it in your feet!*

THE SOUNDS OF ENGLISH TR: B27

hot

11 Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the sound of *o* in each word.

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| 1. pop | rock |
| 2. hip-hop | hobby |
| 3. spot | copy |



12 Listen and read. TR: B28

Listen to This!

“Hey, turn that music down!”

Do you ever wonder why your parents tell you to turn the volume down when you’re listening to loud music? It’s not because they don’t like the type of music. (Well, hip-hop *might* not be their favorite music!) It’s important to listen to music and other sounds at the right volume because if you don’t, it can hurt your ears!

Did you know that sound travels in waves? Sometimes, a sound is too high or too low for people to hear, depending on how fast or slow the sound waves are moving. The movement of sound can be measured in units called hertz (Hz). The range that humans can hear is 20–20,000 Hz. Dolphins can hear sounds from 75–200,000 Hz! That means they can hear things we can’t.

We measure the volume of a sound in decibels (dB). The sound of people whispering is about 30 dB, the sound of a rock concert is closer to 115 dB, and the sound of a jet engine is about 140 dB! The maximum output of most MP3 players is between 70–90 dB, which is really loud! Try to keep the volume at 50 dB, or a level that allows you to easily hear people around you talking. Your ears will thank you!



Elephant
5-10,000 Hz

Human
20-20,000 Hz

Dog
40-60,000 Hz

Dolphin
75-200,000 Hz

13 **Role-play.** Imagine you have a younger brother or sister who is listening to very loud music. Tell him or her to turn down the sound and explain why very loud music is not good.

Change through music.

Has a song ever made you feel differently about something?
How did the song change you?



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“Music can change the world. It can inspire people to care, to do something positive, to make a difference.”