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1991 was the best year for music

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

Many of us have an opinion on what was the best year for music. Some people say it was 1824. This is when the composer Ludwig van Beethoven first performed his Symphony No. 9. Other people say the best year was 1969 because of hit songs by The Beatles, David Bowie and Elvis Presley. The UK radio station Radio X recently conducted a survey and found the best year for music was 1991. This is because of the success of bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, R.E.M., Stone Roses and Nirvana. The reason for 1991 being the Radio X survey's best year for music could be the average age of the listeners of the station. Many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991 and have great memories of that year.

A psychologist believes people tend to stick to the songs they heard when they were teenagers. Dr Catherine Loveday told the BBC why we like songs we first heard in our teens throughout our life. She said: "It is during these [developmental] years that we make many crucial life-changing decisions. We start significant long-term relationships and establish the cultural and political beliefs which form our identity." She added that: "Music has an intrinsic capacity to regulate emotions [so] these songs naturally become embedded in our important memories, both positive and negative." She said: "People in their 80s and 90s show a better memory for things that they first experienced between the ages of 10 and 30."

Sources: <https://www.radiox.co.uk/features/1991-was-actually-the-best-year-for-music/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-52131818>
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/music/artists/greatest-year-pop-music-history-one-choice/>

WARM-UPS

1. THE BEST YEAR FOR MUSIC: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the best year for music. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

opinion / music / composer / Beethoven / radio / survey / success / average age / psychologist / teenagers / developmental / political / beliefs / memories / positive

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ROCK: Students A **strongly** believe rock music is the best kind of music; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HIT: What is your favourite hits and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Favourite Hit | Why? |
|----------|---------------|------|
| Song | | |
| Album | | |
| Movie | | |
| TV Show | | |
| Game | | |
| Software | | |

5. BEETHOVEN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Beethoven". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MUSIC: Rank these with your partner. Put the best music genre at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- rock
- classical
- folk
- hip-hop
- electro
- reggae
- jazz
- opera

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. opinion | a. The middle number of a group of numbers added together. |
| 2. composer | b. A view or judgment formed about something, not necessarily based on fact or knowledge. |
| 3. performed | c. Carried out; did. |
| 4. hit | d. A person who writes music, especially as a job. |
| 5. conducted | e. A very successful film, pop record, or song. |
| 6. success | f. Acted, sang, danced... for people. |
| 7. average | g. Doing very, very well in an aim or goal. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. tend | h. Likely to have or do something. |
| 9. teenager | i. Put something deep inside something else. |
| 10. during | j. A person between the ages of 13 and 19. |
| 11. crucial | k. Control. |
| 12. establish | l. All through a period of time. |
| 13. regulate | m. Very, very, very important. |
| 14. embedded | n. Start or set up an organization, system, or set of rules. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article says we all have an opinion on the best year for music. **T / F**
- b. Beethoven finished composing Symphony No. 9 in 1842. **T / F**
- c. The UK's Radio Z conducted a survey on the best year for music. **T / F**
- d. A radio station said the average age of listeners affected the best year. **T / F**
- e. A psychologist said music we hear as teenagers stick with us. **T / F**
- f. The psychologist says we make life-changing decisions in our teens. **T / F**
- g. The psychologist said music can regulate our emotions. **T / F**
- h. Ninety-year-olds can remember things they experienced as teens. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. opinion | a. questionnaire |
| 2. performed | b. not long ago |
| 3. recently | c. encountered |
| 4. survey | d. for the whole of |
| 5. memories | e. belief |
| 6. believes | f. key |
| 7. throughout | g. recollections |
| 8. crucial | h. implanted |
| 9. embedded | i. presented |
| 10. experienced | j. thinks |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Many of us have an opinion | a. success of bands |
| 2. recently conducted | b. 80s and 90s |
| 3. This is because of the | c. of that year |
| 4. the average age of | d. to stick to the songs |
| 5. have great memories | e. a survey |
| 6. people tend | f. our life |
| 7. throughout | g. on what was the best |
| 8. make many crucial life- | h. beliefs |
| 9. cultural and political | i. the listeners |
| 10. People in their | j. changing decisions |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

Many of us have an (1) _____ on what was the best year for music. Some people say it was 1824. This is when the (2) _____ Ludwig van Beethoven first (3) _____ his Symphony No. 9. Other people say the best year was 1969 because of (4) _____ songs by The Beatles, David Bowie and Elvis Presley. The UK radio station Radio X recently (5) _____ a survey and found the best year for music was 1991. This is because of the success of bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, R.E.M., Stone Roses and Nirvana. The (6) _____ for 1991 being the Radio X survey's best year for music could be the average age of the (7) _____ of the station. Many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991 and have great (8) _____ of that year.

reason
composer
hit
memories
opinion
listeners
conducted
performed

A psychologist believes people tend to (9) _____ to the songs they heard when they were (10) _____. Dr Catherine Loveday told the BBC why we like songs we first heard in our teens throughout our life. She said: "It is (11) _____ these [developmental] years that we make many crucial life-changing (12) _____. We start significant long-term relationships and establish the cultural and political beliefs which form our (13) _____." She added that: "Music has an intrinsic capacity to (14) _____ emotions [so] these songs naturally become embedded in our important memories, both (15) _____ and negative." She said: "People in their 80s and 90s show a better (16) _____ for things that they first experienced between the ages of 10 and 30."

identity
positive
during
stick
memory
teenagers
regulate
decisions

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

- 1) Many of us have an opinion on what was the best _____
 - a. year four music
 - b. year for music
 - c. year from music
 - d. year fore music
- 2) This is when the composer Ludwig van Beethoven first _____ Symphony No. 9
 - a. performs this
 - b. perform is
 - c. performer his
 - d. performed his
- 3) and Elvis Presley. The UK radio station Radio X recently _____
 - a. conduct it a survey
 - b. conductor a survey
 - c. conduct a survey
 - d. conducted a survey
- 4) the Radio X survey's best year for music could be _____
 - a. the advice aged
 - b. the averages age
 - c. the average age
 - d. the avarice age
- 5) Many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991 and _____
 - a. have grate memories
 - b. have great memories
 - c. have gloat memories
 - d. have grant memories
- 6) Loveday told the BBC why we like songs we first heard _____
 - a. in our teens
 - b. in our beans
 - c. in our teams
 - d. in our tunes
- 7) We start significant long-term relationships and establish the cultural _____
 - a. and political be leafs
 - b. and political belief
 - c. and political believes
 - d. and political beliefs
- 8) She added that music has an intrinsic capacity _____
 - a. to regulate emotions
 - b. to regulate emoticons
 - c. to regulate emotional
 - d. to regulate in motions
- 9) so these songs naturally become embedded in our _____
 - a. importance memories
 - b. important memories
 - c. importantly memories
 - d. impotent memories
- 10) things that they first experienced between the _____ and 30
 - a. aged of 10
 - b. ageless of 10
 - c. age of 10
 - d. ages of 10

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

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A psychologist believes people (7) _____ to the songs they heard when they were teenagers. Dr Catherine Loveday told the BBC why we like songs we first heard in (8) _____ our life. She said: "It is during these [developmental] years that we make many crucial life-changing decisions. (9) _____ long-term relationships and establish the cultural and political beliefs which (10) _____." She added that: "Music has an intrinsic capacity to regulate emotions [so] these songs naturally become (11) _____ important memories, both positive and negative." She said: "People in their 80s and 90s (12) _____ memory for things that they first experienced between the ages of 10 and 30."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

1. Who has an opinion on what was the best year for music?
2. When did Beethoven first perform his Symphony No 9?
3. What is the name of the radio station that conducted a survey?
4. Why did the station say 1991 might be the best year for music?
5. What did the radio station say many listeners were in 1991?
6. Who said songs we first heard as teenagers tend to stick with us?
7. What kind of decisions did a psychologist say we make as teenagers?
8. What beliefs do we form when we are teenagers?
9. What did a psychologist say can regulate our emotions?
10. Who can remember things they first experienced when they were young?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

- 1) Who has an opinion on what was the best year for music?
 - a) most of us
 - b) all of us
 - c) many of us
 - d) half of us
- 2) When did Beethoven first perform his Symphony No 9?
 - a) 1824
 - b) 1842
 - c) 1862
 - d) 1826
- 3) What is the name of the radio station that conducted a survey?
 - a) Y Radio
 - b) Radio X
 - c) X Radio
 - d) Radio Y
- 4) Why did the station say 1991 might be the best year for music?
 - a) because the 80s were so bad
 - b) it had the best bands
 - c) hip-hop
 - d) the average age of listeners
- 5) What did the radio station say many listeners were in 1991?
 - a) in their 20s
 - b) babies
 - c) teenagers
 - d) band members
- 6) Who said songs we first heard as teenagers tend to stick with us?
 - a) a radio DJ
 - b) a psychologist
 - c) a songwriter
 - d) a music journalist
- 7) What kind of decisions did a psychologist say we make as teenagers?
 - a) which hairstyle to have
 - b) which bands to like
 - c) which instrument to learn
 - d) life-changing decisions
- 8) What beliefs do we form when we are teenagers?
 - a) religious beliefs
 - b) political beliefs
 - c) core beliefs
 - d) basic beliefs
- 9) What did a psychologist say can regulate our emotions?
 - a) a psychologist
 - b) music
 - c) a radio
 - d) a lead guitar
- 10) Who can remember things they first experienced when they were young?
 - a) people in their 80s and 90s
 - b) teenagers
 - c) middle-aged people
 - d) thirtysomethings

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

Role A – Rock

You think rock is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, hip-hop or jazz.

Role B – Classical

You think classical is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock, hip-hop or jazz.

Role C – Hip-Hop

You think hip-hop is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, rock or jazz.

Role D – Jazz

You think jazz is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, hip-hop or rock.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'year' and 'music'.

| year | music |
|------|-------|
| | |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• many• 9• 1969• recently• reason• great | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• stick• first• start• political• important• ages |
|---|--|

THE BEST YEAR FOR MUSIC SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the best year for music in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

THE BEST YEAR FOR MUSIC DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'music'?
3. What do you think of music?
4. What do you think was the greatest year for music?
5. What do you think of this year's music?
6. What do you think of Beethoven?
7. Do you have a favourite classical composer?
8. What do you think of listening to the radio?
9. What do you think of the music you listened to as a teenager?
10. What was the best decade for music?

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THE BEST YEAR FOR MUSIC DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'composer'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important is music?
15. How important was music when you were a teenager?
16. What big decisions did you make when you were a teenager?
17. How does music change your emotions?
18. What do you think of the music your parents like?
19. What is your favourite song and why?
20. What questions would you like to ask the psychologist?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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A psychologist believes people (7) _____ to stick to the songs they heard when they were teenagers. Dr Catherine Loveday told the BBC why we like songs we first heard in our teens throughout our life. She said: "It is (8) _____ these [developmental] years that we make many crucial life-changing decisions. We start significant long-term relationships and establish the cultural and political (9) _____ which form our identity." She added that: "Music has an intrinsic capacity to (10) _____ emotions [so] these songs naturally become embedded in our important memories, (11) _____ positive and negative." She said: "People in their 80s and 90s show a better memory for things that they first experienced between the (12) _____ of 10 and 30."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) opine | (b) opinion | (c) onion | (d) opinionated |
| 2. | (a) coder | (b) composer | (c) calligrapher | (d) conductor |
| 3. | (a) wit | (b) fit | (c) bit | (d) hit |
| 4. | (a) combated | (b) conducted | (c) conned | (d) composed |
| 5. | (a) been | (b) being | (c) be | (d) is |
| 6. | (a) teen | (b) between | (c) teenagers | (d) teenage |
| 7. | (a) fend | (b) mend | (c) tend | (d) send |
| 8. | (a) thorough | (b) between | (c) during | (d) under |
| 9. | (a) believes | (b) bellies | (c) belies | (d) beliefs |
| 10. | (a) regulate | (b) gate | (c) rate | (d) grate |
| 11. | (a) both | (b) all | (c) every | (d) whole |
| 12. | (a) year | (b) age | (c) ages | (d) birthday |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Many of us have an inoiopn
2. the eosprcmo Ludwig van Beethoven
3. Radio X recently conducted a eyvsru
4. because of the scecsus of bands
5. the agveera age of the listeners
6. have great merosmei of that year

Paragraph 2

7. A pgysoolcsiht believes people tend to
8. heard when they were eentergas
9. htougoruth our life
10. crucial life-changing eoscisndi
11. cultural and political ibfseel
12. both positive and gviatnee

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of the station. Many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991 and have great memories of that year.
- () for 1991 being the Radio X survey's best year for music could be the average age of the listeners
- () 1824. This is when the composer Ludwig van Beethoven first performed his Symphony No. 9. Other people say the best
- () station Radio X recently conducted a survey and found the best year for music was 1991. This is because
- () A psychologist believes people tend to stick to the songs they heard when they were
- () decisions. We start significant long-term relationships and establish the cultural and political beliefs which form our identity." She added
- () and 90s show a better memory for things that they first experienced between the ages of 10 and 30."
- () in our important memories, both positive and negative." She said: "People in their 80s
- () that: "Music has an intrinsic capacity to regulate emotions [so] these songs naturally become embedded
- () year was 1969 because of hit songs by The Beatles, David Bowie and Elvis Presley. The UK radio
- (**1**) Many of us have an opinion on what was the best year for music. Some people say it was
- () of the success of bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, R.E.M., Stone Roses and Nirvana. The reason
- () life. She said: "It is during these [developmental] years that we make many crucial life-changing
- () teenagers. Dr Catherine Loveday told the BBC why we like songs we first heard in our teens throughout our

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

1. opinion on An what best was the year .
2. say year best was Other people 1969 . the
3. the for A year best music . found survey
4. the station . of average age of listeners The
5. in Many of 1991 . teenagers listeners were the
6. when heard they The songs they were teenagers .
7. heard first songs we our Like in teens .
8. life-changing crucial When decisions . make many we
9. an regulate capacity Music has emotions . to intrinsic
10. ages between 10 of the First 30 . experienced and

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

Many of us have an *opinionated* / *opinion* on what was the best year for music. Some people say it was 1824. This is when the *composer* / *composition* Ludwig van Beethoven first *preformed* / *performed* his Symphony No. 9. Other people say the best year was 1969 because of *hit* / *hitting* songs by The Beatles, David Bowie and Elvis Presley. The UK radio station Radio X *recently* / *recent* conducted a survey and found the best year for music was 1991. This is *because* / *although* of the success of bands *like* / *similar* the Red Hot Chili Peppers, R.E.M., Stone Roses and Nirvana. The reason for 1991 being the Radio X survey's best year for music could *being* / *be* the average age of the *listeners* / *listener* of the station. Many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991 and have great memories of *then* / *that* year.

A *psychology* / *psychologist* believes people *trend* / *tend* to stick to the songs they heard when they were teenagers. Dr Catherine Loveday told the BBC why we like songs we first heard in our *teen* / *teens* throughout our life. She said: "It is *during* / *between* these [developmental] years that we make many crucial life-changing *decision* / *decisions*. We start significant long-term relationships and establish the cultural and political *believes* / *beliefs* which form our identity." She added that: "Music has an intrinsic *capable* / *capacity* to regulate emotions [so] these songs *natural* / *naturally* become embedded in our important memories, both positive and negative." She said: "People in *them* / *their* 80s and 90s show a better memory for things that they first experienced between the *aged* / *ages* of 10 and 30."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M_n y _f _s h_v_ _n _p_n__ n _n w h_t w_s t h_
b_s t y__ r f_r m_s_c . S_m_ p__ pl_ w_y _t w_s
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v_n B__ t h_v_n f_r s t p_r f_r m_d h_s S y m p h_n
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w_s 1 9 6 9 b_c__ s_ f h_t s_n g s b_y T h_ B__ t
l_s , D_v_d B_w__ _n d E l v_s P_r_s l_y . T h_ U K
r_d__ s t_t__ n R_d__ X r_c_n t l_y c_n d_c t_d _
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b_n d s l_k_ t h_ R_d H_t C h_l_ P_p p_r s , R E M ,
S t_n_ R_s_s _n d N_r v_n_ . T h_ r__ s_n f_r 1 9 9 1
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music.html>

many of us have an opinion on what was the best year for music some people say it was 1824 this is when the composer ludwig van beethoven first performed his symphony no 9 other people say the best year was 1969 because of hit songs by the beatles david bowie and elvis presley the uk radio station radio x recently conducted a survey and found the best year for music was 1991 this is because of the success of bands like the red hot chili peppers R.E.M. stone roses and nirvana the reason for 1991 being the radio x surveys best year for music could be the average age of the listeners of the station many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991 and have great memories of that year

a psychologist believes people tend to stick to the songs they heard when they were teenagers dr catherine loveday told the bbc why we like songs we first heard in our teens throughout our life she said it is during these developmental years that we make many crucial lifechanging decisions we start significant longterm relationships and establish the cultural and political beliefs which form our identity she added that music has an intrinsic capacity to regulate emotions so these songs naturally become embedded in our important memories both positive and negative she said people in their 80s and 90s show a better memory for things that they first experienced between the ages of 10 and 30

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Many of us have an opinion on what was the best year for music. Some people say it was 1824. This is when the composer Ludwig van Beethoven first performed his Symphony No. 9. Other people say the best year was 1969 because of hit songs by The Beatles, David Bowie and Elvis Presley. The UK radio station Radio X recently conducted a survey and found the best year for music was 1991. This is because of the success of bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, R.E.M., Stone Roses and Nirvana. The reason for 1991 being the Radio X survey's best year for music could be the average age of the listeners of the station. Many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991 and have great memories of that year. A psychologist believes people tend to stick to the songs they heard when they were teenagers. Dr Catherine Loveday told the BBC why we like songs we first heard in our teens throughout our life. She said: "It is during these [developmental] years that we make many crucial life-changing decisions. We start significant long-term relationships and establish the cultural and political beliefs which form our identity." She added that: "Music has an intrinsic capacity to regulate emotions [so] these songs naturally become embedded in our important memories, both positive and negative." She said: "People in their 80s and 90s show a better memory for things that they first experienced between the ages of 10 and 30."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE BEST YEAR FOR MUSIC: Make a poster about the best year for music. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CLASSICAL MUSIC: Write a magazine article about classical music being the best kind of music. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree and with people who disagree.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the best year for music. Ask him/her three questions about this. Give him/her three of your ideas on what the best year for music was. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e T f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 6. j | 7. d | 8. f | 9. h | 10. c |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Many of us
- 1824
- Radio X
- The average age of listeners
- Teenagers
- A psychologist
- Life-changing decisions
- Cultural and political beliefs
- Music
- People in the 80s and 90s

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- An opinion on what was the best year.
- Other people say the best year was 1969.
- A survey found the best year for music.
- The average age of listeners of the station.
- Many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991.
- The songs they heard when they were teenagers.
- Like songs we first heard in our teens.
- When we make many crucial life-changing decisions.
- Music has an intrinsic capacity to regulate emotions.
- First experienced between the ages of 10 and 30.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)