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**Level 1 – 16th March 2023**

## **Vinyl records outsell CDs for first time since 1987**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230316-vinyl-records-1.html>

Vinyl records are coming back. People thought they would disappear when CDs came out 30 years ago. Even MP3s didn't kill off records. Young people are becoming more interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. In 2022, record sales were greater than CD sales for the first time since 1987. Over 41 million vinyl records were sold, compared to 33 million CDs. Records are increasing in popularity. The year 2022 was the 16th year of sales growth in a row.

A record association said there has been a "remarkable" rise in record sales. It said: "Vinyl is cementing its role in the modern music marketplace." It added: "Music lovers can't get enough of the high-quality sound and the connection to artists....Record labels have made beautifully crafted discs." The covid pandemic has helped records come back. Many people worked at home and bought record players. That is continuing today.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/64919126>  
<https://www.theverge.com/2023/3/10/23633605/vinyl-records-surpasses-cd-music-sales-us-riaa>  
<https://www.businessinsider.com/vinyl-sales-surpass-cds-first-time-since-1987-record-resurgence-2023-3>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230316-vinyl-records-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Vinyl records                 | a. more interested  |
| 2. People thought they           | b. out 30 years ago |
| 3. when CDs came                 | c. were sold        |
| 4. Even MP3s didn't kill         | d. would disappear  |
| 5. Young people are becoming     | e. since 1987       |
| 6. record sales were             | f. are coming back  |
| 7. for the first time            | g. greater          |
| 8. Over 41 million vinyl records | h. off records      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Records are increasing | a. record sales    |
| 2. the 16th year of sales | b. home            |
| 3. a "remarkable" rise in | c. sound           |
| 4. Music                  | d. growth in a row |
| 5. the high-quality       | e. today           |
| 6. covid                  | f. lovers          |
| 7. Many people worked at  | g. in popularity   |
| 8. That is continuing     | h. pandemic        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230316-vinyl-records-1.html>

Vinyl records (1) \_\_\_\_\_. People thought they would disappear when CDs (2) \_\_\_\_\_ years ago. Even MP3s didn't (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Young people are becoming more interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. In 2022, record sales (4) \_\_\_\_\_ CD sales for the first time since 1987. Over 41 million vinyl records were sold, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ million CDs. Records are increasing in popularity. The year 2022 was the 16th year of sales growth (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

A record association said (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a "remarkable" rise in record sales. It said: "Vinyl is cementing (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the modern music marketplace." It added: "Music lovers can't (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the high-quality sound and the connection to artists.... (10) \_\_\_\_\_ made beautifully crafted discs." The covid pandemic has helped records come back. Many (11) \_\_\_\_\_ home and bought record players. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ today.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# VINYL RECORDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230316-vinyl-records-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about vinyl records 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

