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Chechnya bans music that is too slow or too fast

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

The culture ministry of the Russian republic of Chechnya has made a rule about what speed of music people can listen to. The ministry has banned songs that are too fast or too slow. It made an announcement about the tempo of songs allowed. It said: "From now on, all musical, vocal and choreographic works should correspond to a tempo of between 80 to 116 beats per minute." The new standard, which starts at 80 beats per minute, is much slower than a lot of modern-day pop music. However, the Russian national anthem is usually played at 76 beats per minute. There has been no word from the culture ministry about whether the anthem can be played. It seems likely the anthem will be an exception to the new rule.

The ban on music that is too up-tempo or too down-tempo is to protect Chechnya's culture and traditions. The Moscow Times said it was, "to root out any hint of Westernization". Chechnya's leader, Ramzan Kadyrov, said the ban was to make music, "conform to the Chechen mentality". He added: "Borrowing musical culture from other people's is inadmissible." Musa Dadaev, Chechnya's culture minister, said: "We must bring to the people and to the future of our children the cultural heritage of the Chechen people." Local artists have until June the 1st to rewrite their songs to follow the new tempo. People in Chechnya will no longer be able to listen to techno music, or many songs by Beyonce, Drake and Taylor Swift.

Sources: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2024/04/05/chechnya-forbids-music-outside-80-116-bpm-tempo-a84755>
<https://www.politico.eu/article/culture-ministry-russian-republic-chechnya-ban-western-songs/>
<https://news.sky.com/story/chechnya-bans-music-that-is-too-fast-or-too-slow-13110266>

WARM-UPS

1. MUSIC: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about 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?

culture ministry / Chechnya / music / tempo / beats per minute / national anthem / traditions / Westernization / ban / the future / heritage / techno music / songs

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

3. TRADITIONAL MUSIC: Students A **strongly** believe traditional music is better than modern-day music; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SPEED: Would you like these things to be faster or slower? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Faster or Slower?	Why?
Music		
Driving		
Download		
Talking		
Reading		
Eating		

5. TEMPO: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tempo". 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 genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Folk
- Classical
- Rap
- Techno
- Opera
- Jazz
- Pop
- Ambient

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. ministry | a. A public statement or message that tells people about something important or new. |
| 2. republic | b. A group of people who work together to help manage a government or organization. |
| 3. announcement | c. About the voice, or speaking and singing. |
| 4. vocal | d. Have a close similarity; match or agree almost exactly. |
| 5. correspond | e. A country or state where people elect representatives to make decisions for them, rather than having a king or queen. |
| 6. national | f. Something or someone that is different from the usual or expected. |
| 7. exception | g. Relating to a whole country; involving all the people of a country. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. ban (verb) | h. To keep someone or something safe from harm or danger. |
| 9. protect | i. To follow the rules or standards. |
| 10. root out | j. To not allow something to happen. |
| 11. Westernization | k. To find and remove something completely. |
| 12. conform | l. Something that is passed down from the past, such as traditions, beliefs, or objects. |
| 13. heritage | m. Becoming influenced by the culture, customs, or ideas of Western countries. |
| 14. artists | n. People who create art, such as paintings, sculptures, music, or literature, etc. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

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

1. Chechnya's Ministry of Sound has banned up-tempo music. **T / F**
2. Chechnya has set a beats per minute range for allowable music. **T / F**
3. Most modern-day pop music is above 116 beats per minute. **T / F**
4. Russia's national anthem is slower than Chechnya's tempo range. **T / F**
5. The music ban is to protect Chechnya's culture from Westernization. **T / F**
6. Chechnya's leader said techno music is bad for mental health. **T / F**
7. Local artists were asked to rewrite their songs to fit the tempo range. **T / F**
8. People in Chechnya can still listen to all of Beyonce's songs. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. rule | a. special case |
| 2. banned | b. follow |
| 3. allowed | c. prohibited |
| 4. correspond | d. tunes |
| 5. exception | e. safeguard |
| 6. protect | f. regulation |
| 7. root out | g. match up with |
| 8. conform to | h. history |
| 9. heritage | i. permitted |
| 10. songs | j. destroy |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. The culture ministry of the Russian | a. 80 to 116 beats per minute |
| 2. a tempo of between | b. artists |
| 3. much slower than a lot of modern- | c. to the new rule |
| 4. Russian national | d. our children |
| 5. the anthem will be an exception | e. day pop music |
| 6. root out any hint | f. able to listen |
| 7. the future of | g. anthem |
| 8. cultural | h. of Westernization |
| 9. Local | i. heritage |
| 10. longer be | j. republic of Chechnya |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

The culture ministry of the Russian (1) _____ of Chechnya has made a (2) _____ about what speed of music people can listen to. The ministry has banned songs that are too fast or too slow. It made an announcement about the (3) _____ of songs allowed. It said: "From now on, all musical, (4) _____ and choreographic works should correspond to a tempo of between 80 to 116 beats per minute." The new standard, which (5) _____ at 80 beats per minute, is much slower than a lot of modern-day pop music. However, the Russian national (6) _____ is usually played at 76 beats per minute. There has been no (7) _____ from the culture ministry about whether the anthem can be played. It seems likely the anthem will be an (8) _____ to the new rule.

tempo
starts
republic
word
vocal
exception
rule
anthem

The ban on music that is too up-tempo or too down-tempo is to (9) _____ Chechnya's culture and traditions. The Moscow Times said it was, "to root out any (10) _____ of Westernization". Chechnya's leader, Ramzan Kadyrov, said the ban was to make music, "conform to the Chechen (11) _____". He added: "Borrowing (12) _____ culture from other people's is inadmissible." Musa Dadaev, Chechnya's culture minister, said: "We must bring to the people and to the (13) _____ of our children the cultural heritage of the Chechen people." Local (14) _____ have until June the 1st to rewrite their songs to (15) _____ the new tempo. People in Chechnya will no (16) _____ be able to listen to techno music, or many songs by Beyonce, Drake and Taylor Swift.

musical
longer
hint
artists
protect
follow
mentality
future

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

- 1) The culture ministry of the Russian republic of Chechnya has _____
 - a. made a real
 - b. made a rule
 - c. made a ruler
 - d. made a gruel
- 2) The ministry has banned songs that are too fast _____
 - a. or to slow
 - b. or too slow
 - c. or so slow
 - d. or very slow
- 3) works should correspond to a tempo of between 80 to 116 _____
 - a. beats par minute
 - b. beats per minute
 - c. beats pear minute
 - d. beats pear minute
- 4) However, the Russian national _____
 - a. anthem is usual
 - b. anthem is usually
 - c. anthem is unusually
 - d. anthem is unusual
- 5) It seems likely the anthem will _____
 - a. be an exception
 - b. be an excepting
 - c. be an accepting
 - d. be an except shun
- 6) The ban on music that is too up-tempo or too down-tempo is to _____
 - a. protect Chechnya's vulture
 - b. protect Chechnya's cultured
 - c. protect Chechnya's cultural
 - d. protect Chechnya's culture
- 7) The Moscow Times said it was to root out any _____
 - a. hint toff Westernization
 - b. hint oft Westernization
 - c. hint off Westernization
 - d. hint of Westernization
- 8) Kadyrov said the ban was to make music conform to _____
 - a. the Chechen mentality
 - b. the Chechen meant ability
 - c. the Chechen men tally tea
 - d. the Chechen mental lately
- 9) We must bring to the people and to the future of our children _____
 - a. a cultural heritage
 - b. the cultural heritage
 - c. the culturally heritage
 - d. the cultural hermitage
- 10) Local artists have until June the 1st to _____
 - a. recite their songs
 - b. relight their songs
 - c. rewrite their songs
 - d. alight their songs

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

The (1) _____ the Russian republic of Chechnya has made a rule about what (2) _____ people can listen to. The ministry has banned songs that are too fast or too slow. It made an announcement about the (3) _____ allowed. It said: "From now on, all musical, vocal and choreographic works should correspond to a tempo of between 80 to 116 beats per minute." (4) _____, which starts at 80 beats per minute, is much slower than a lot of modern-day pop music. However, the Russian (5) _____ usually played at 76 beats per minute. There has been no word from the culture ministry about whether the anthem can be played. It seems likely the anthem will be (6) _____ the new rule.

The (7) _____ that is too up-tempo or too down-tempo is to protect Chechnya's culture and traditions. The Moscow Times said it was, "to (8) _____ hint of Westernization". Chechnya's leader, Ramzan Kadyrov, said the ban was to make music, "(9) _____ Chechen mentality". He added: "Borrowing musical culture from other people's is inadmissible." Musa Dadaev, Chechnya's culture minister, said: "We (10) _____ the people and to the future of our children the cultural heritage of the Chechen people." Local (11) _____ June the 1st to rewrite their songs to follow the new tempo. People in Chechnya will no (12) _____ to listen to techno music, or many songs by Beyonce, Drake and Taylor Swift.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

1. What Chechen ministry made a rule about the speed of music?
2. What is the beats per minute range of the music that is allowed?
3. What is 80 beats per minute slower than?
4. What is usually played at 76 beats per minute?
5. What might be an exception to the music speed rule?
6. What will the music ban protect in Chechnya?
7. What might the ban root out any hint of?
8. What did Chechnya's leader say was inadmissible?
9. What do local artists have until June the 1st to do?
10. Whose songs might be affected in Chechnya besides Beyonce and Drake?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

- 1) What Chechen ministry made a rule about the speed of music?
 - a) the Ministry of Sound
 - b) the culture ministry
 - c) the Ministry of Music
 - d) the music ministry
- 2) What is the beats per minute range of the music that is allowed?
 - a) 76-116
 - b) 80-120
 - c) 76-120
 - d) 80-116
- 3) What is 80 beats per minute slower than?
 - a) a lot of modern-day pop
 - b) Chechnya's folk dances
 - c) an average drummer
 - d) hand clapping
- 4) What is usually played at 76 beats per minute?
 - a) a popular Chechen folk song
 - b) Happy Birthday
 - c) Russia's national anthem
 - d) the music for Chechnya's news
- 5) What might be an exception to the music speed rule?
 - a) 70 beats per minute
 - b) Russia's national anthem
 - c) the Internet
 - d) classical music
- 6) What will the music ban protect in Chechnya?
 - a) Chechnya's culture and traditions
 - b) Chechnya's artists
 - c) Chechnya's recording studios
 - d) Chechnya's music charts
- 7) What might the ban root out any hint of?
 - a) country music
 - b) bad music
 - c) Westernization
 - d) love songs
- 8) What did Chechnya's leader say was inadmissible?
 - a) borrowing musical culture
 - b) rock music
 - c) waltzes and samba
 - d) tap dancing
- 9) What do local artists have until June the 1st to do?
 - a) rewrite their songs
 - b) write new songs
 - c) delete their songs
 - d) learn Chechen instruments
- 10) Whose songs might be affected in Chechnya besides Beyonce and Drake?
 - a) The Beatles
 - b) Ed Sheeran
 - c) Eminem
 - d) Taylor Swift

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

Role A – 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): techno, pop or rap.

Role B – Techno

You think techno 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, pop or rap.

Role C – Pop

You think pop 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): techno, classical or rap.

Role D – Rap

You think rap 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): techno, pop or classical.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

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

music	tempo

- 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">• republic• allowed• vocal• standard• modern• likely	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• protect• leader• borrowing• future• June• able
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MUSIC SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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.

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 kinds of music do you like?
4. What do you think of your country's traditional music?
5. What do you think of Chechnya's music ban?
6. Do you prefer fast or slow music?
7. Which is better, music or songs?
8. What do you think of your national anthem?
9. What are your favourite songs?
10. What advice do you have for music lovers in Chechnya?

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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 'tempo'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of Westernization?
15. What other cultures are affecting your own?
16. What is the 'mentality' of your culture?
17. Is it OK to borrow music from other cultures?
18. What music from other cultures do you like?
19. What do you think of techno music?
20. What questions would you like to ask Chechnya's culture ministry?

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

The (1) _____ ministry of the Russian republic of Chechnya has made a rule about what speed of music people can listen to. The ministry has (2) _____ songs that are too fast or too slow. It made an announcement about the tempo of songs (3) _____. It said: "From now on, all musical, vocal and choreographic works should correspond (4) _____ a tempo of between 80 to 116 beats per minute." The new standard, which starts at 80 beats per minute, is much slower than a lot of modern-day pop music. However, the Russian national anthem is usually played (5) _____ 76 beats per minute. There has been no word from the culture ministry about whether the anthem can be played. It seems (6) _____ the anthem will be an exception to the new rule.

The ban on music that is too up-tempo or too (7) _____-tempo is to protect Chechnya's culture and traditions. The Moscow Times said it was, "to (8) _____ out any hint of Westernization". Chechnya's leader, Ramzan Kadyrov, said the ban was to make music, "conform (9) _____ the Chechen mentality". He added: "Borrowing musical culture from other people's is inadmissible." Musa Dadaev, Chechnya's culture minister, said: "We must (10) _____ to the people and to the future of our children the cultural heritage of the Chechen people." Local artists have until June the 1st to rewrite their songs to (11) _____ the new tempo. People in Chechnya will no longer be (12) _____ to listen to techno music, or many songs by Beyonce, Drake and Taylor Swift.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) cultural | (b) cultured | (c) culture | (d) cultures |
| 2. | (a) banned | (b) bend | (c) binned | (d) band |
| 3. | (a) allowed | (b) let | (c) permit | (d) given |
| 4. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) up | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) liked | (b) likeable | (c) likes | (d) likely |
| 7. | (a) down | (b) fall | (c) low | (d) drop |
| 8. | (a) trunk | (b) twig | (c) branch | (d) root |
| 9. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) up |
| 10. | (a) borrow | (b) bring | (c) lend | (d) stick |
| 11. | (a) chase | (b) follow | (c) pursue | (d) shadow |
| 12. | (a) able | (b) can | (c) ability | (d) capable |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

Paragraph 1

1. The culture isnirmty
2. the Russian ipcbleru of Chechnya
3. It made an canonteenunm
4. the m poet of songs
5. the Russian national mteahn
6. an neoeicxtp to the new rule

Paragraph 2

7. tctpreo Chechnya's culture
8. conform to the Chechen nilatymet
9. the utuerf of our children
10. cultural itehgear
11. Local artstsi
12. ctnoeh music

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of songs allowed. It said: "From now on, all musical, vocal and choreographic works should correspond
- () said the ban was to make music, "conform to the Chechen mentality". He added: "Borrowing musical culture
- (**1**) The culture ministry of the Russian republic of Chechnya has made a rule about what speed of music people
- () The ban on music that is too up-tempo or too down-tempo is to protect Chechnya's culture and
- () anthem is usually played at 76 beats per minute. There has been no word from the culture
- () per minute, is much slower than a lot of modern-day pop music. However, the Russian national
- () June the 1st to rewrite their songs to follow the new tempo. People in Chechnya will no
- () longer be able to listen to techno music, or many songs by Beyonce, Drake and Taylor Swift.
- () to a tempo of between 80 to 116 beats per minute." The new standard, which starts at 80 beats
- () to the future of our children the cultural heritage of the Chechen people." Local artists have until
- () can listen to. The ministry has banned songs that are too fast or too slow. It made an announcement about the tempo
- () ministry about whether the anthem can be played. It seems likely the anthem will be an exception to the new rule.
- () from other people's is inadmissible." Musa Dadaev, Chechnya's culture minister, said: "We must bring to the people and
- () traditions. The Moscow Times said it was, "to root out any hint of Westernization". Chechnya's leader, Ramzan Kadyrov,

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

1. culture The of republic the of ministry Chechnya .
2. people speed of music listen What can to .
3. The are too banned ministry fast . songs that
4. anthem national . is usually at Russia's 76 bpm played
5. has There from no the word been ministry .
6. ban music up-tempo . The on that is too
7. hint to out root It's of Westernization . any
8. Chechen Make mentality . conform the to music
9. rewrite their have songs . Local to artists
10. longer to People be no able listen . will

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

The culture ministry of the Russian republic *at / of* Chechnya has made a rule about what speed of music people can listen *on / to*. The ministry has banned songs that are too fast or *so / too* slow. It made an *announcement / announce* about the tempo of songs allowed. It said: "From *know / now* on, all musical, vocal and choreographic works should *respond / correspond* to a tempo of between 80 to 116 beats per minute." The new standard, which starts at 80 beats per minute, is *many / much* slower than a lot of modern-day pop music. However, the Russian national anthem is *usual / usually* played at 76 beats per minute. There has been no *word / vocabulary* from the culture ministry about whether the anthem can be played. It seems likely the anthem will be an *exception / except* to the new rule.

The ban *in / on* music that is too up-tempo or too down-tempo is to protect Chechnya's culture and *traditional / traditions*. The Moscow Times said it was, "to root *in / out* any hint of Westernization". Chechnya's leader, Ramzan Kadyrov, said the ban was to *make / do* music, "*conform / confirm* to the Chechen mentality". He added: "*Borrowing / Lending* musical culture from other people's is inadmissible." Musa Dadaev, Chechnya's culture minister, said: "We must *brought / bring* to the people and to the future of our children the cultural heritage of the Chechen people." Local *art / artists* have until June the 1st to rewrite their songs to *follow / chase* the new tempo. People in Chechnya will no longer be *able / ability* to listen to techno music, or many songs by Beyonce, Drake and Taylor Swift.

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

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

Th_ c_lt_r_ m_n_stry _f th_ R_ss__n r_p_bl_c _f
Ch_chny_ h_s m_d_ _r_l_ _b__t wh_t sp__d _f m_s_c
p__pl_ c_n l_st_n t_. Th_ m_n_stry h_s b_nn_d s_ngs
th_t _r_ t__ f_st _r t__ sl_w. _t m_d_ _n
_nn__nc_m_nt _b__t th_ t_mp_ _f s_ngs _ll_w_d. _t
s__d: "Fr_m n_w _n, _ll m_s_c_l, v_c_l _nd
ch_r__gr_ph_c w_rks sh__ld c_rr_sp_nd t_ _ t_mp_ _f
b_tw__n 80 t_ 116 b__ts p_r m_n_t_." Th_ n_w
st_nd_rd, wh_ch st_rts _t 80 b__ts p_r m_n_t_, _s
m_ch sl_w_r th_n _ l_t _f m_d_rn-d_y p_p m_s_c.
H_w_v_r, th_ R_ss__n n_t__n_l _nth_m _s _s__lly
pl_y_d _t 76 b__ts p_r m_n_t_. Th_r_ h_s b__n n_
w_r_d fr_m th_ c_lt_r_ m_n_stry _b__t wh_th_r th_
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w_ll n_ l_ng_r b_ _bl_ t_ l_st_n t_ t_chn_ m_s_c, _r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240411-music-tempo.html>

the culture ministry of the russian republic of chechnya has made a rule about what speed of music people can listen to the ministry has banned songs that are too fast or too slow it made an announcement about the tempo of songs allowed it said from now on all musical vocal and choreographic works should correspond to a tempo of between 80 to 116 beats per minute the new standard which starts at 80 beats per minute is much slower than a lot of modernday pop music however the russian national anthem is usually played at 76 beats per minute there has been no word from the culture ministry about whether the anthem can be played it seems likely the anthem will be an exception to the new rule

the ban on music that is too uptempo or too downtempo is to protect chechnyas culture and traditions the moscow times said it was to root out any hint of westernization chechnyas leader ramzan kadyrov said the ban was to make music conform to the chechen mentality he added borrowing musical culture from other peoples is inadmissible musa dadaev chechnyas culture minister said we must bring to the people and to the future of our children the cultural heritage of the chechen people local artists have until june the 1st to rewrite their songs to follow the new tempo people in chechnya will no longer be able to listen to techno music or many songs by beyonce drake and taylor swift

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Traditional music is better than pop music. Discuss.

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. MUSIC: Make a poster about music. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TRADITIONAL MUSIC: Write a magazine article about governments promoting traditional folk music over pop music. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 music. Ask him/her three questions about music. Give him/her three of your ideas. 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. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. c	3. i	4. g	5. a
6. e	7. j	8. b	9. h	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The culture ministry
2. 80-116
3. A lot of modern-day pop
4. Russia's national anthem
5. Russia's national anthem
6. Chechnya's culture and traditions
7. Westernization
8. Borrowing musical culture
9. Rewrite their songs
10. Taylor Swift

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The culture ministry of the republic of Chechnya.
2. What speed of music people can listen to.
3. The ministry banned songs that are too fast.
4. Russia's national anthem is usually played at 76 bpm.
5. There has been no word from the ministry.
6. The ban on music that is too up-tempo.
7. It's to root out any hint of Westernization.
8. Make music conform to the Chechen mentality.
9. Local artists have to rewrite their songs.
10. People will no longer be able to listen.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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