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Level 2 – 13th April, 2020

1991 was the best year for music

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music-2.html>

We all have an opinion on what is the best year for music. Some people say it was 1824 because Beethoven first performed his Symphony No. 9. Other people say it was 1969 because of hit songs by The Beatles and Elvis Presley. A UK radio station conducted a survey and found the best year for music was 1991. This is because of bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, R.E.M. and Nirvana. The reason for 1991 being the best year 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 scientist thinks we still like the songs we heard when we were teenagers. She told the BBC why we still like these songs. She said: "It is during these...years that we make many crucial life-changing decisions. We start significant long-term relationships and establish the...beliefs which form our identity." She added that music has the capacity to regulate our emotions so songs we hear in our teens stick in our memories. The scientist 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/>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. We all have an | a. music was 1991 |
| 2. Beethoven first performed his | b. teenagers in 1991 |
| 3. hit songs | c. a survey |
| 4. A UK radio station conducted | d. of that year |
| 5. the best year for | e. age of the listeners |
| 6. the average | f. by The Beatles |
| 7. Many of the listeners were | g. opinion |
| 8. have great memories | h. Symphony No. 9 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. songs we heard when we | a. regulate our emotions |
| 2. we make many crucial life-changing | b. 80s and 90s |
| 3. long-term | c. of 10 and 30 |
| 4. music has the capacity to | d. were teenagers |
| 5. stick in our | e. experienced |
| 6. People in their | f. relationships |
| 7. things that they first | g. memories |
| 8. between the ages | h. decisions |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We all (1) _____ on what is the best year for music. Some people say it was 1824 because Beethoven first performed his Symphony No. 9. Other (2) _____ was 1969 because of hit songs by The Beatles and Elvis Presley. A UK radio station (3) _____ and found the best year for music was 1991. This is (4) _____ like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, R.E.M. and Nirvana. (5) _____ 1991 being the best year could be the average age of the listeners of the station. Many of the listeners were teenagers in 1991 and have (6) _____ that year.

A scientist thinks (7) _____ the songs we heard when we were teenagers. She told the BBC why we still like these songs. She said: "It (8) _____...years that we make many crucial life-changing decisions. We start significant long-term relationships and (9) _____ which form our identity." She added that music has (10) _____ regulate our emotions so songs we hear in our (11) _____ our memories. The scientist said: "People in their 80s and 90s show a better memory for things that they first experienced (12) _____ of 10 and 30."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE BEST YEAR FOR MUSIC SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200413-best-year-for-music-4.html>

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.

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) _____

