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Level 2 – 16th March 2023

Vinyl records outsell CDs for first time since 1987

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

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THE READING

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Vinyl records are making a comeback. People thought they would disappear when music CDs came out 30 years ago. People then thought MP3s would kill off vinyl. However, many younger people are becoming interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. In 2022, vinyl record sales were greater than CD sales for the first time since 1987. In 2022, over 41 million vinyl records were sold in the US, compared to 33 million CDs. Records are continuing to increase in popularity. The year 2022 was the 16th year of sales growth in a row. Records now make up 71% of non-digital music.

The Recording Industry Association of America 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 real connection to artists that vinyl delivers....Record labels have met that demand with...beautifully crafted discs." Many people say the covid pandemic has helped records make a comeback. A record company said many people worked at home in the pandemic. It said: "They invested in turntables and hi-fi....I think that's 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Vinyl records are | a. than CD sales |
| 2. People thought they would | b. off vinyl |
| 3. MP3s would kill | c. were sold |
| 4. younger people are becoming | d. disappear |
| 5. record sales were greater | e. since 1987 |
| 6. for the first time | f. making a comeback |
| 7. over 41 million vinyl records | g. in popularity |
| 8. Records are continuing to increase | h. interested |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a "remarkable" rise | a. and hi-fi |
| 2. its role in the modern music | b. quality sound |
| 3. music | c. today |
| 4. the high- | d. at home |
| 5. the covid | e. lovers |
| 6. many people worked | f. in record sales |
| 7. They invested in turntables | g. pandemic |
| 8. I think that's continuing | h. marketplace |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Vinyl records (1) _____ comeback. People thought they would disappear when music CDs came out 30 years ago. People then thought MP3s (2) _____ vinyl. However, many younger people are becoming interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. In 2022, vinyl record sales were greater than CD sales for the (3) _____ 1987. In 2022, over 41 million vinyl records were sold in the US, compared to 33 million CDs. Records are continuing to (4) _____. The year 2022 was the 16th year (5) _____ in a row. Records (6) _____ 71% of non-digital music.

The Recording Industry Association of America said there has been (7) _____ in record sales. It said: "Vinyl is cementing its (8) _____ modern music marketplace." It added: "Music lovers can't get enough of (9) _____ sound and real connection to artists that vinyl delivers....Record labels have (10) _____ with...beautifully crafted discs." Many people say the covid pandemic has helped records (11) _____. A record company said many people worked at home in the pandemic. It said: "(12) _____ turntables and hi-fi....I think that's continuing today."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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VINYL RECORDS SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **vinyl records** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
