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Vinyl records outsell CDs for first time since 1987

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THE ARTICLE

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When music CDs came out over 30 years ago, everyone thought that would mean the end of vinyl records. After MP3s and streaming came along, people thought records would die. This was not the case. Vinyl records have been making a comeback. Many younger people are becoming very interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. So much so that in 2022, vinyl record sales were greater than CD sales for the first time since 1987. In 2022, just over 41 million vinyl records were sold in the US. This compares to 33 million CDs. Records have been increasing in popularity for quite some time. The year 2022 was the 16th consecutive year of growth for record sales. Records now account for 71 per cent of non-digital music.

The CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America, Mitch Glazier, said there has been a "remarkable" rise in record sales. He said: "Vinyl is cementing its role as a fixture of the modern music marketplace." He 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 a steady stream of exclusives, special re-issues, and beautifully crafted packages and discs." Many people say the covid pandemic has helped records make a comeback. A record label boss said: "Lots of folks were stuck at home working in the pandemic...They invested in turntables and hi-fi....I think that's still carrying on 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>

WARM-UPS

1. VINYL RECORDS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about vinyl records. 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?

music / CDs / records / making a comeback / younger people / popularity / digital / CEO / remarkable / lovers / artists / demand / discs / pandemic / turntables / hi-fi

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

3. VINYL / MP3s: Students A **strongly** believe vinyl records are better than MP3s; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LISTENING: What are the pros and cons of these ways of listening to music? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Live		
Vinyl records		
MP3s		
Streaming		
YouTube		
CDs		

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

- Classical
- Hip-hop
- Heavy metal
- Folk
- Electro
- Jazz
- Pop
- Ambient

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. streaming | a. Being liked, admired, or supported by many people. |
| 2. not the case | b. The return of a well-known person or thing to an activity in which they were successful or popular in the past. |
| 3. comeback | c. Not so. |
| 4. compare | d. The process of increasing in size. |
| 5. popularity | e. A non-stop flow of video and audio material sent or received over the internet. |
| 6. consecutive | f. Look at how things are the same or different. |
| 7. growth | g. Following each other continuously. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. remarkable | h. A person or thing that is well established in a particular place or situation. |
| 9. cementing | i. The wanting of people for a particular thing, service, or other item. |
| 10. role | j. The action of linking one thing with another, like in a relationship. |
| 11. fixture | k. Making something stronger. |
| 12. connection | l. Continuing with an activity. |
| 13. demand | m. Amazing. |
| 14. carrying on | n. The function or part played by a person or thing in a particular situation. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The first music CD was released exactly 30 years ago. **T / F**
2. Vinyl records died out completely after streaming came along. **T / F**
3. The article says 7-inch records are more popular than 12-inch records. **T / F**
4. Sales of records have grown for 16 years in a row. **T / F**
5. A record association said records are now being made from cement. **T / F**
6. Music lovers love the sound quality of vinyl records. **T / F**
7. Record companies sold many beautifully made records. **T / F**
8. The covid pandemic meant more people bought record players. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. end | a. amazing |
| 2. comeback | b. make up |
| 3. greater | c. link |
| 4. increasing | d. return |
| 5. account for | e. record players |
| 6. remarkable | f. more than |
| 7. role | g. death |
| 8. connection | h. people |
| 9. folks | i. growing |
| 10. turntables | j. part |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. When music CDs came | a. a comeback |
| 2. After MP3s and streaming came | b. labels |
| 3. Vinyl records have been making | c. of non-digital music |
| 4. Records have been increasing in | d. at home |
| 5. Records now account for 71 per cent | e. popularity |
| 6. there has been a "remarkable" rise | f. along |
| 7. the high- | g. on today |
| 8. Record | h. out over 30 years ago |
| 9. Lots of folks were stuck | i. quality sound |
| 10. I think that's still carrying | j. in record sales |

GAP FILL

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

When music CDs came out over 30 years ago, everyone thought that would mean the (1) _____ of vinyl records. After MP3s and streaming came along, people thought records would (2) _____. This was not the case. Vinyl records have been making a (3) _____. Many younger people are becoming very interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. So (4) _____ so that in 2022, vinyl record sales were greater than CD sales for the first time (5) _____ 1987. In 2022, just over 41 million vinyl records were sold in the US. This (6) _____ to 33 million CDs. Records have been increasing in (7) _____ for quite some time. The year 2022 was the 16th consecutive year of (8) _____ for record sales. Records now account for 71 per cent of non-digital music.

comeback
popularity
end
since
die
growth
much
compares

The CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America, Mitch Glazier, said there has been a "(9) _____" rise in record sales. He said: "Vinyl is cementing its (10) _____ as a fixture of the modern music marketplace." He added: "Music (11) _____ can't get enough of the high-quality sound and real connection to artists that vinyl delivers....Record labels have met that (12) _____ with a steady stream of exclusives, special re-issues, and beautifully crafted packages and (12) _____. " Many people say the covid pandemic has (14) _____ records make a comeback. A record label boss said: "Lots of folks were stuck at (15) _____ working in the pandemic...They invested in turntables and hi-fi...I think that's still carrying on (16) _____."

helped
lovers
today
role
discs
remarkable
home
demand

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) When music CDs came out over 30 years ago, everyone thought that would _____
 - a. mean the Yen
 - b. mean the and
 - c. mean then
 - d. mean the end
- 2) After MP3s and streaming came along, people thought _____
 - a. records would died
 - b. records would dies
 - c. records would dye
 - d. records would die
- 3) Many younger people are becoming very interested in the seven-inch and _____
 - a. 12-inch discs
 - b. 12-grinch discs
 - c. 12-pinch discs
 - d. 12-itch discs
- 4) Records have been increasing in popularity for _____
 - a. quit some time
 - b. quite some time
 - c. quiet some time
 - d. quilt some time
- 5) Records now account for 71 per cent of _____
 - a. now-digital music
 - b. noon-digital music
 - c. not-digital music
 - d. non-digital music
- 6) Mitch Glazier said there has been a "remarkable" rise _____
 - a. on record sale
 - b. on record sales
 - c. in record sales
 - d. in record sale
- 7) get enough of the high-quality sound and real connection to artists _____
 - a. that vinyl deliveries
 - b. that vinyl deal livers
 - c. that vinyl deal rivers
 - d. that vinyl delivers
- 8) Many people say the covid pandemic has helped records _____
 - a. make a comeback
 - b. fake a comeback
 - c. take a comeback
 - d. bake a comeback
- 9) at home working in the pandemic...They invested in _____
 - a. turntables and wi-fi
 - b. turntables and high-fly
 - c. turntables and hi-fi
 - d. turntables and wife lie
- 10) I think that's still _____
 - a. carrying in today
 - b. carrying un today
 - c. carrying on today
 - d. carrying an today

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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When music CDs (1) _____ 30 years ago, everyone thought that would mean (2) _____ vinyl records. After MP3s and streaming came along, people thought records would die. This was not the case. Vinyl records have been (3) _____. Many younger people are becoming very interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. So much so that in 2022, vinyl record sales were greater than CD sales (4) _____ time since 1987. In 2022, just over 41 million vinyl records were sold in the US. This compares to 33 million CDs. Records have been increasing in popularity for (5) _____. The year 2022 was the 16th consecutive year of growth for record sales. Records (6) _____ 71 per cent of non-digital music.

The CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America, Mitch Glazier, said there has been a "remarkable" rise (7) _____. He said: "Vinyl is cementing its role (8) _____ of the modern music marketplace." He added: "Music lovers can't get enough of the high-quality sound and (9) _____ artists that vinyl delivers....Record labels have met that demand with a steady stream of exclusives, special re-issues, and beautifully crafted packages and discs." (10) _____ the covid pandemic has helped records make a comeback. A record label boss said: "Lots of folks were (11) _____ working in the pandemic...They invested in turntables and hi-fi....I think that's still (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What came out to make people think records would die?
2. What are young people interested in besides seven-inch records?
3. How many CDs were sold in the USA in 2022?
4. How many years in a row have records sales increased?
5. How much of non-digital music do records account for?
6. What's Mitch Glazier's job?
7. Who loves the high-quality sound of vinyl records?
8. What met a demand for records?
9. What do many people think helped records make a comeback?
10. What did people invest in during the pandemic?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What came out to make people think records would die?
 - a) streaming
 - b) cassette tapes
 - c) CDs
 - d) MP3s
- 2) What are young people interested in besides seven-inch records?
 - a) 78 rpm records
 - b) hip-hop
 - c) 12-inch records
 - d) reel-to-reel music
- 3) How many CDs were sold in the USA in 2022?
 - a) 32 million
 - b) 33 million
 - c) 23 million
 - d) 22 million
- 4) How many years in a row have records sales increased?
 - a) 13
 - b) 14
 - c) 15
 - d) 16
- 5) How much of non-digital music do records account for?
 - a) 71%
 - b) 33%
 - c) 41%
 - d) 12%
- 6) What's Mitch Glazier's job?
 - a) record shop owner
 - b) rock star
 - c) music producer
 - d) CEO
- 7) Who loves the high-quality sound of vinyl records?
 - a) record shop owners
 - b) music lovers
 - c) music producers
 - d) Apple
- 8) What met a demand for records?
 - a) Apple
 - b) music producers
 - c) Sony
 - d) record labels
- 9) What do many people think helped records make a comeback?
 - a) Apple
 - b) hip-hop
 - c) the covid pandemic
 - d) music producers
- 10) What did people invest in during the pandemic?
 - a) antique music
 - b) turntables and hi-fi
 - c) Apple
 - d) old records

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Classical

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

Role B – Hip-hop

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

Role C – Electro

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

Role D – Jazz

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

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

record	CD
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- 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">• ago• die• younger• seven• sold• growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEO• role• lovers• stream• boss• today
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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.

VINYL RECORDS 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 'record'?
3. What do you think of vinyl records?
4. What do you think of music on digital formats?
5. Why do people like vinyl records so much?
6. Do you know how to use a record player?
7. In what ways are vinyl records better than CDs?
8. What is your favourite way of listening to music?
9. Is music at a live concert better than on a music player?
10. What are your favourite records?

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VINYL RECORDS 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 'CD'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of CDs?
15. What do you think of streaming?
16. How much of a music lover are you?
17. Do you care about the sound quality of music?
18. How beautiful are record sleeves?
19. Do you have a favourite music streaming service?
20. What questions would you like to ask a record company boss?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) of | (c) to | (d) out |
| 2. | (a) longing | (b) long | (c) longingly | (d) along |
| 3. | (a) vase | (b) case | (c) pace | (d) base |
| 4. | (a) such | (b) what | (c) so | (d) why |
| 5. | (a) sold | (b) sell | (c) selling | (d) sells |
| 6. | (a) growth | (b) grown | (c) growl | (d) grow |
| 7. | (a) arise | (b) risen | (c) rises | (d) rise |
| 8. | (a) as | (b) was | (c) has | (d) is |
| 9. | (a) really | (b) real | (c) reality | (d) realism |
| 10. | (a) craft | (b) crafts | (c) crafted | (d) crafting |
| 11. | (a) doing | (b) going | (c) making | (d) telling |
| 12. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) to | (d) as |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. MP3s and sitneamrg
2. records have been making a maccbkeo
3. This recopmsa to 33 million CDs
4. increasing in rupoltpya
5. the 16th eecvsuciont year of growth
6. otccaun for 71 per cent

Paragraph 2

7. a alrambeker rise in record sales
8. cementing its role as a treufxi
9. real tencnionio to artists
10. a steady stream of cvsueslix
11. Lots of ofskl were stuck at home
12. They sevtedin in turntables

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of exclusives, special re-issues, and beautifully crafted packages and discs." Many people say the covid
- () rise in record sales. He said: "Vinyl is cementing its role as a fixture of the modern
- () music marketplace." He added: "Music lovers can't get enough of the high-quality
- () becoming very interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. So much so that in 2022, vinyl record sales were greater
- () home working in the pandemic...They invested in turntables and hi-fi....I think that's still carrying on today."
- () of vinyl records. After MP3s and streaming came along, people thought records would
- () year 2022 was the 16th consecutive year of growth for record sales. Records now account for 71 per cent of non-digital music.
- () The CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America, Mitch Glazier, said there has been a "remarkable"
- (**1**) When music CDs came out over 30 years ago, everyone thought that would mean the end
- () in the US. This compares to 33 million CDs. Records have been increasing in popularity for quite some time. The
- () pandemic has helped records make a comeback. A record label boss said: "Lots of folks were stuck at
- () than CD sales for the first time since 1987. In 2022, just over 41 million vinyl records were sold
- () sound and real connection to artists that vinyl delivers....Record labels have met that demand with a steady stream
- () die. This was not the case. Vinyl records have been making a comeback. Many younger people are

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. CDs out years ago. 30 came over When
2. end records. mean the of vinyl That would
3. a have records Vinyl comeback. making been
4. record Vinyl greater were sales. CD than sales
5. of consecutive sales. year growth The 16th for
6. rise sales. remarkable in been There has a
7. real High-quality to and artists. sound connection
8. records helped comeback. The pandemic has a make
9. of were folks Lots stuck at home.
10. that's think I still today. carrying on

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

When music CDs *came / come* out over 30 years ago, everyone thought that would mean the *end / ends* of vinyl records. After MP3s and streaming came *longing / along*, people thought records would die. This was not the *box / case*. Vinyl records have been making a *throwback / comeback*. Many younger people are becoming very interested in the seven-inch and 12-inch discs. So much so *what / that* in 2022, vinyl record sales were greater than CD sales for the first time *since / for* 1987. In 2022, just over 41 million vinyl records were sold in the US. This *compares / comparison* to 33 million CDs. Records have been increasing in popularity for quite some time. The year 2022 was the 16th *consecutively / consecutive* year of growth for record sales. Records now account *at / for* 71 per cent of non-digital music.

The CEO *on / of* the Recording Industry Association of America, Mitch Glazier, said there has been a "remarkable" *arise / rise* in record sales. He said: "Vinyl is cementing its *role / roll* as a fixture of the modern music marketplace." He added: "Music *loves / lovers* can't get enough of the high-quality sound and real connection to artists that vinyl *delivery / delivers*....Record labels have met that demand with a steady stream *at / of* exclusives, special re-issues, and beautifully crafted packages and discs." Many people say the covid pandemic has helped records *make / do* a comeback. A record label boss said: "Lots of folks were *sticky / stuck* at home working in the pandemic...They invested *in / on* turntables and hi-fi....I think that's still carrying *on / off* today."

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)

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Wh_n m_s_c CDs c_m_ _t _v_r 30 y__rs _g_,
_v_ry_n_ th_ght th_t w__ld m__n th_ _nd _f v_nyl
r_c_rds. _ft_r MP3s _nd str__mng c_m_ _l_ng, p__pl_
th__ght r_c_rds w__ld d___. Th_s w_s n_t th_ c_s_.
V_nyl r_c_rds h_v_ b__n m_k_ng _ c_m_b_ck. M_ny
y__ng_r p__pl_ _r_ b_c_mng v_ry _nt_r_st_d _n th_
s_v_n-_nch _nd 12-_nch d_scs. S_ m_ch s_ th_t _n
2022, v_nyl r_c_rd s_l_s w_r_ gr__t_r th_n CD s_l_s
f_r th_ f_rst t_m_ s_nc_ 1987. _n 2022, j_st _v_r 41
m_ll__n v_nyl r_c_rds w_r_ s_ld _n th_ _S. Th_s
c_m_p_r_s t_ 33 m_ll__n CDs. R_c_rds h_v_ b__n
_ncr__sng _n p_p_l_r_ty f_r q__t_ s_m_ t_m_. Th_
y__r 2022 w_s th_ 16th c_ns_c_t_v_ y__r _f gr_wth
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_f n_n-d_g_t_l m_s_c.

Th_ C__ _f th_ R_c_rdng _nd_stry _ss_c__t__n _f
_m_r_c_, M_tch Gl_z__r, s__d th_r_ h_s b__n _
"r_m_rk_bl_" r_s_ _n r_c_rd s_l_s. H_ s__d: "V_nyl _s
c_m_ntng _ts r_l_ _s _ f_xt_r_ _f th_ m_d_rn m_s_c
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. VINYL RECORDS: Make a poster about vinyl records. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DIGITAL: Write a magazine article about banning vinyl records and CDs to help the environment. 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 vinyl records. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on vinyl records. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Streaming
2. 12-inch records
3. 33 million
4. Sixteen
5. 71 per cent
6. CEO
7. Music lovers
8. Record labels
9. The covid pandemic
10. Turntables and hi-fi

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. When CDs came out over 30 years ago.
2. That would mean the end of vinyl records.
3. Vinyl records have been making a comeback.
4. Vinyl record sales were greater than CD sales.
5. The 16th consecutive year of growth for sales.
6. There has been a remarkable rise in sales.
7. High-quality sound and real connection to artists.
8. The pandemic has helped records make a comeback.
9. Lots of folks were stuck at home.
10. I think that's still carrying on today.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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