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Songs with non-English lyrics are becoming more popular

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THE ARTICLE

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Since the advent of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, music from the USA and UK has dominated global music charts. Both countries have benefited considerably from the "soft power" of hit songs with English lyrics. However, the English-language dominance of the music industry is under threat from songs from non-English-speaking countries. This is according to the music streaming giant Spotify. The company said English-language music was losing its long-time stranglehold. There has been a surge in demand for songs sung in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, and other languages. Spotify said the number of non-English songs in the charts more than doubled between 2020 and 2025.

A prime example of how English is losing its hegemony is the worldwide popularity of the Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny. He sings exclusively in Spanish and was Spotify's most streamed artist globally in 2025. Meanwhile, Spanish artist Rosalia astounded the music world with her award-winning album "Lux," on which she sings in 13 different languages. Spotify said three music genres have seen their chart presence rise by 30 per cent or more in the past five years. These are Brazilian Funk, K-pop, and Trap Latino. Their streams increased by 36 per cent, 31 per cent, and 30 per cent respectively. The music website NME said: "The trend is likely to continue growing further into 2026."

Sources: <https://www.musicweek.com/digital/read/spotify-breaks-down-11bn-payout-to-music-industry-including-rise-of-non-english-language-music/093720>
<https://www.nme.com/news/music/spotify-reports-growing-surge-of-non-english-pop-music-on-global-chart-3934169>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c9v04gney9yo>

WARM-UPS

1. SONG LYRICS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about song lyrics. 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?

rock 'n' roll / music / music charts / soft power / threat / streaming / songs in Spanish hegemony / worldwide / popularity / artists / albums / different languages / website

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

3. STREAMING: Students A **strongly** believe streaming is better than vinyl records; Students B **strongly** believe vinyl records are better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MUSIC: How important are these contributors to songs? Why? How much would you like to be one of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Importance	Why?	Your Desire
Lyricist			
Lead singer			
Producer			
Pianist			
Drummer			
Guitarist			

5. ENGLISH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "English". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MUSIC GENRES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Rock 'n' roll
- K-pop
- Brazilian Funk
- Trap Latino
- Hip-hop
- Reggae
- EDM
- R&B

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. advent | a. A very big company. |
| 2. dominated | b. A lot; more than a little. |
| 3. considerably | c. Had the most power or control over something. |
| 4. according to | d. A sudden big increase. |
| 5. giant (noun) | e. The time when something new begins or arrives. |
| 6. stranglehold | f. As said by someone or something. |
| 7. surge | g. Very strong control over something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. prime | h. Sent or watched online in real time. |
| 9. hegemony | i. In the same order as mentioned before. |
| 10. exclusively | j. Very surprised. |
| 11. streamed | k. Control or leadership over others or other things. |
| 12. astounded | l. A general direction in which something (a price, fashion, popularity, etc.) is changing. |
| 13. respectively | m. The most important or best. |
| 14. trend (noun) | n. Only; not shared with others. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

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

1. The article says rock 'n' roll started in the 1940s. **T / F**
2. The article says hit songs with English lyrics gave the UK "hard power". **T / F**
3. The article says a streaming service has led to fewer songs in English. **T / F**
4. The article says there has been a rise in demand for songs in Spanish. **T / F**
5. The lyrics of Bad Bunny's songs are all Spanish. **T / F**
6. A Spanish singer recorded an album using 13 different languages. **T / F**
7. Streams for the K-pop music genre increased by 31% in 2025. **T / F**
8. A music website said the trend for non-English songs will soon reverse. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. advent | a. amazed |
| 2. considerably | b. supremacy |
| 3. dominance | c. classic |
| 4. surge | d. a lot |
| 5. doubled | e. carry on |
| 6. prime | f. increased twofold |
| 7. exclusively | g. existence |
| 8. astounded | h. arrival |
| 9. presence | i. only |
| 10. continue | j. rise |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Since the advent of rock 'n' roll | a. for songs sung in Spanish |
| 2. Both countries have benefited | b. to continue |
| 3. the English-language dominance | c. of the music industry |
| 4. There has been a surge in demand | d. in the 1950s |
| 5. songs in the charts more than | e. in Spanish |
| 6. A prime example of how English is | f. chart presence rise |
| 7. He sings exclusively | g. doubled |
| 8. Spanish artist Rosalia astounded | h. losing its hegemony |
| 9. three music genres have seen their | i. the music world |
| 10. The trend is likely | j. considerably |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

Since the (1) _____ of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, music from the USA and UK has (2) _____ global music charts. Both countries have benefited (3) _____ from the "soft power" of hit songs with English lyrics. However, the English-language dominance of the music industry is under (4) _____ from songs from non-English-speaking countries. This is (5) _____ to the music streaming giant Spotify. The company said English-language music was losing its long-time (6) _____. There has been a surge in (7) _____ for songs sung in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, and other languages. Spotify said the number of non-English songs in the charts more than (8) _____ between 2020 and 2025.

considerably
according
doubled
advent
demand
threat
dominated
stranglehold

A prime example of how English is losing its (9) _____ is the worldwide popularity of the Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny. He sings (10) _____ in Spanish and was Spotify's most streamed artist globally in 2025. Meanwhile, Spanish artist Rosalia (11) _____ the music world with her award-winning album "Lux," on which she sings in 13 different languages. Spotify said three music (12) _____ have seen their chart (13) _____ rise by 30 per cent or more in the past five years. These are Brazilian Funk, K-pop, and Trap Latino. Their (14) _____ increased by 36 per cent, 31 per cent, and 30 per cent (15) _____. The music website NME said: "The (16) _____ is likely to continue growing further into 2026."

respectively
exclusively
trend
genres
hegemony
streams
astounded
presence

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) music from the USA and UK has dominated _____
 - a. global music chats
 - b. global muse charts
 - c. global music charts
 - d. globally music charts
- 2) Both countries have benefited considerably from the soft power _____
 - a. off hit songs
 - b. of hit songs
 - c. of hit song
 - d. of hot song
- 3) However, the English-language dominance of the music industry _____
 - a. is over threat
 - b. is under threat
 - c. is after threat
 - d. is beneath threat
- 4) This is according to the music _____
 - a. streaming gigantic Spotify
 - b. streaming gallant Spotify
 - c. streaming gaunt Spotify
 - d. streaming giant Spotify
- 5) There has been a surge in demand for songs _____
 - a. sung in Spanish
 - b. sang in Spanish
 - c. sing in Spanish
 - d. sings in Spanish
- 6) A prime example of how English is losing its hegemony is _____
 - a. the word-wide popularity
 - b. the worldwide popularity
 - c. the world wise popularity
 - d. the worldly wide popularity
- 7) He sings exclusively in Spanish and was Spotify's most streamed artist _____
 - a. globally on 2025
 - b. globally in 2025
 - c. globally at 2025
 - d. globally of 2025
- 8) Spanish artist Rosalia astounded the music world with her _____
 - a. award-winning auburn
 - b. award-winning a burn
 - c. award-winning all balm
 - d. award-winning album
- 9) Spotify said three music genres have seen their _____
 - a. chart presence rise
 - b. chart presence arise
 - c. chart presence raise
 - d. chart presence risen
- 10) The trend is likely to continue growing _____
 - a. further into 2026
 - b. farther into 2026
 - c. future into 2026
 - d. furrier into 2026

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

Since (1) _____ rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, music from the USA and UK (2) _____ music charts. Both countries have benefited considerably from the (3) _____ hit songs with English lyrics. However, the English-language dominance of the music industry is (4) _____ songs from non-English-speaking countries. This is according to the music streaming giant Spotify. The company said English-language music was losing its (5) _____. There has been a surge in demand for songs sung in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, and other languages. Spotify said the number of non-English songs in the charts (6) _____ between 2020 and 2025.

A prime example of how English is losing (7) _____ the worldwide popularity of the Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny. He sings exclusively in Spanish and was Spotify's most (8) _____ in 2025. Meanwhile, Spanish artist Rosalia astounded the music world with her (9) _____ "Lux," on which she sings in 13 different languages. Spotify said three music genres have seen their (10) _____ 30 per cent or more in the past five years. These are Brazilian Funk, K-pop, and Trap Latino. Their (11) _____ 36 per cent, 31 per cent, and 30 per cent respectively. The music website NME said: "The (12) _____ to continue growing further into 2026."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

1. When does the article say rock 'n' roll started?
2. What have hit songs with English lyrics given the USA and UK?
3. What is threatening the English-language dominance of music?
4. What three languages does the article say are in greater demand?
5. When did the number of non-English songs in the charts double?
6. Who was the most streamed artist on Spotify in 2025?
7. How many languages did the singer Rosalia sing in on her album?
8. How many genres saw their streams rise by 30% or more in 2025?
9. By how much did Trap Latino streams rise by in 2025?
10. What did the NME site say about the non- English-language song trend?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

- 1) When does the article say rock 'n' roll started?
 - a) in the 1940s
 - b) in the 1950s
 - c) in the 1920s
 - d) in the 1960s
- 2) What have hit songs with English lyrics given the USA and UK?
 - a) lots of singalong tunes
 - b) money
 - c) more English speakers
 - d) soft power
- 3) What is threatening the English-language dominance of music?
 - a) AI
 - b) Auto-Tune
 - c) songs from non-English-speaking countries
 - d) online translation services
- 4) What three languages does the article say are in greater demand?
 - a) Spanish, Korean, and Arabic
 - b) Spanish, French, and Italian
 - c) Chinese, Korean, and Japanese
 - d) Arabic, Russian, and Brazilian
- 5) When did the number of non-English songs in the charts double?
 - a) before 2020
 - b) between 2020 and 2025
 - c) in 2023
 - d) last year
- 6) Who was the most streamed artist on Spotify in 2025?
 - a) Bad Bunny
 - b) Taylor Swift
 - c) Billie Eilish
 - d) Kendrick Lamar
- 7) How many languages did the singer Rosalia sing in on her album?
 - a) 11
 - b) 12
 - c) 13
 - d) 14
- 8) How many genres saw their streams rise by 30% or more in 2025?
 - a) 3
 - b) 4
 - c) 5
 - d) 6
- 9) By how much did Trap Latino streams rise by in 2025?
 - a) by 33%
 - b) by 32%
 - c) by 31%
 - d) by 30%
- 10) What did the NME site say about the non-English-language song trend?
 - a) It would slow down.
 - b) It would explode.
 - c) It would continue to grow.
 - d) It would reverse.

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

Role A – Rock 'n' Roll

You think rock 'n' roll 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 least listenable of these (and why): hip-hop, reggae or classical.

Role B – Hip-hop

You think hip-hop 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 least listenable of these (and why): rock 'n' roll, reggae or classical.

Role C – Reggae

You think reggae 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 least listenable of these (and why): hip-hop, rock 'n' roll or classical.

Role D – 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 least listenable of these (and why): hip-hop, reggae or rock 'n' roll.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'song' and 'music'.

song	music

- 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">• advent• soft• under• losing• surge• number	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• example• exclusively• artist• presence• increased• trend
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SONG LYRICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about song lyrics 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.

SONG LYRICS 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 'song'?
3. What do you think of rock 'n' roll?
4. What is your favourite music genre?
5. What do you think of songs in English?
6. Do you think songs in your language are the best in the world?
7. What songs in English do you really like?
8. What do you think of streaming?
9. Do you like listening to songs in different languages?
10. What song lyrics do you like?

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SONG LYRICS 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 'lyrics'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Which is more important, a song's lyrics or a good guitar solo?
15. Have you ever used songs to learn English?
16. What is your least-liked music genre?
17. What do you think of Brazilian Funk, K-pop, and Trap Latino?
18. What will music be like in the future?
19. Is streaming the best way to listen to music?
20. What questions would you like to ask your favourite singer?

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) invent | (b) advent | (c) convent | (d) solvent |
| 2. | (a) considerate | (b) considerably | (c) consider | (d) consideration |
| 3. | (a) lot | (b) lit | (c) hot | (d) hit |
| 4. | (a) treat | (b) threat | (c) threaten | (d) thread |
| 5. | (a) withhold | (b) stranglehold | (c) uphold | (d) freehold |
| 6. | (a) two-fold | (b) twice | (c) doubled | (d) doubly |
| 7. | (a) grime | (b) thyme | (c) prime | (d) chime |
| 8. | (a) stewed | (b) steamed | (c) streamed | (d) upstream |
| 9. | (a) ascended | (b) atoned | (c) rebounded | (d) astounded |
| 10. | (a) rise | (b) arise | (c) raise | (d) rising |
| 11. | (a) respectively | (b) introspection | (c) perspective | (d) suspect |
| 12. | (a) trendy | (b) trendily | (c) trend | (d) trendspotter |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Since the neady of rock 'n' roll
2. Both countries have benefited ondcesylriba
3. the English-language mnidcneao
4. gdrancioc to the music streaming giant
5. losing its long-time gnsadhrltloe
6. There has been a ersug in demand

Paragraph 2

7. English is losing its eehnyomg
8. He sings elsyelvicxu in Spanish
9. Rosalia edotnauds the music world
10. three music rnsgee
11. seen their chart psenreec rise
12. 31 per cent and 30 per cent vtpceylesrei

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () A prime example of how English is losing its hegemony is the worldwide popularity of
- () and 30 per cent respectively. The music website NME said: "The trend is likely to continue growing further into 2026."
- () charts. Both countries have benefited considerably from the "soft power" of hit songs with English
- () genres have seen their chart presence rise by 30 per cent or more in the
- () giant Spotify. The company said English-language music was losing its long-time stranglehold. There has been a surge
- () globally in 2025. Meanwhile, Spanish artist Rosalia astounded the music world with her award-
- () in demand for songs sung in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, and other languages. Spotify said the number
- () lyrics. However, the English-language dominance of the music industry is under threat from songs from
- () non-English-speaking countries. This is according to the music streaming
- () of non-English songs in the charts more than doubled between 2020 and 2025.
- () past five years. These are Brazilian Funk, K-pop, and Trap Latino. Their streams increased by 36 per cent, 31 per cent,
- (**1**) Since the advent of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, music from the USA and UK has dominated global music
- () the Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny. He sings exclusively in Spanish and was Spotify's most streamed artist
- () winning album "Lux," on which she sings in 13 different languages. Spotify said three music

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. benefited considerably Countries from have power soft this .
2. from industry is music songs The threat under .
3. according giant is music streaming the This to .
4. demand for in in songs Spanish sung Surges .
5. charts doubled in more Non-English songs than the .
6. A English example how is losing of prime .
7. artist globally He most Spotify's streamed was .
8. album astounded her music She the with world .
9. chart genres have Music presence rise seen their .
10. continue further growing is likely The to trend .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260316-english-language-music.html>

Since the *invent / advent* of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, music from the USA and UK has dominated global music *chants / charts*. Both countries have benefited considerably from the "*softly / soft* power" of hit songs with English *lyrics / lyricism*. However, the English-language dominance of the music industry is *under / over* threat from songs from non-English-speaking countries. This is according *for / to* the music streaming giant Spotify. The company said English-language music was *loosening / losing* its long-time stranglehold. There has been a *surge / splurge* in demand for songs sung in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, and *othered / other* languages. Spotify said the number of non-English songs in the charts more than *doubled / doublet* between 2020 and 2025.

A *prime / prim* example of how English is losing its *matrimony / hegemony* is the worldwide popularity *of / to* the Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny. He sings *exclusive / exclusively* in Spanish and was Spotify's most streamed artist globally in 2025. Meanwhile, Spanish artist Rosalia astounded the music world with her award-winning album "Lux," *at / on* which she sings in 13 different languages. Spotify said three music genres have seen their chart presence *raise / rise* by 30 per cent or more in the past five years. These are Brazilian Funk, K-pop, and Trap Latino. Their *steams / streams* increased by 36 per cent, 31 per cent, and 30 per cent *retrospectively / respectively*. The music website NME said: "The trend is *liked / likely* to continue growing further *onto / into* 2026."

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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Sinc_ th_ _dv_nt _f r_ck 'n' r_ll _n th_ 1950s, m_s_c fr_m th_ _S_ _nd _K h_s d_m_n_t_d gl_b_l m_s_c ch_rts. B_th c__ntr__s h_v_ b_n_f_t_d c_n_s_d_r_bly fr_m th_ "s_ft p_w_r" _f h_t s_ngs w_th _ngl_sh lyr_cs. H_w_v_r, th_ _ngl_sh-l_ng__g_ d_m_n_nc_ _f th_ m_s_c _nd_stry _s _nd_r thr__t fr_m s_ngs fr_m n_n-_ngl_sh-sp__k_ng c__ntr__s. Th_s _s _cc_rdn_g t_ th_ m_s_c str__mng g__nt Sp_t_fy. Th_ c_m_p_ny s__d _ngl_sh-l_ng__g_ m_s_c w_s l_s_ng _ts l_ng-t_m_ str_ngl_h_ld. Th_r_ h_s b__n _ s_rg_ _n d_m_nd fr s_ngs s_ng _n Sp_n_sh, K_r__n, _r_b_c, _nd _th_r l_ng__g_s. Sp_t_fy s__d th_ n_mb_r _f n_n-_ngl_sh s_ngs _n th_ ch_rts m_r_ th_n d__bl_d b_tw__n 2020 _nd 2025.

_ pr_m_ _x_mpl_ _f h_w _ngl_sh _s l_s_ng _ts h_g_m_ny _s th_ w_rldw_d_ p_p_l_r_ty _f th_ P__rt_ R_c_n s_ng_r B_d B_nny. H_ s_ngs _xcl_s_v_ly _n Sp_n_sh _nd w_s Sp_t_fy's m_st str__m_d _rt_st gl_b_lly _n 2025. M__nwh_l_, Sp_n_sh _rt_st R_s_l__ _st__nd_d th_ m_s_c w_rld w_th h_r _w_rd-w_nnng _lb_m "L_x," _n wh_ch sh_ s_ngs _n 13 d_ff_r_nt l_ng__g_s. Sp_t_fy s__d thr__ m_s_c g_nr_s h_v_ s__n th_r ch_rt pr_s_nc_ r_s_ by 30 p_r c_nt _r m_r_ _n th_ p_st f_v_ y__rs. Th_s_ _r_ Br_z_l__n F_nk, K-p_p, _nd Tr_p L_t_n_. Th__r str__ms _ncr__s_d by 36 p_r c_nt, 31 p_r c_nt, _nd 30 p_r c_nt r_sp_ct_v_ly. Th_ m_s_c w_bs_t_ NM_ s__d: "Th_ tr_nd _s l_k_ly t_ c_nt_n__ gr_w_ng f_rth_r _nt_ 2026."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a prime example of how english is losing its hegemony is the worldwide popularity of the puerto rican singer bad bunny he sings exclusively in spanish and was spotifys most streamed artist globally in 2025 meanwhile spanish artist rosalia astounded the music world with her awardwinning album lux on which she sings in 13 different languages spotify said three music genres have seen their chart presence rise by 30 per cent or more in the past five years these are brazilian funk kpop and trap latino their streams increased by 36 per cent 31 per cent and 30 per cent respectively the music website nme said the trend is likely to continue growing further into 2026

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Since the advent of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, music from the USA and UK has dominated global music charts. Both countries have benefited considerably from the "soft power" of hits songs with English lyrics. However, the English-language dominance of the music industry is under threat from songs from non-English-speaking countries. This is according to the music streaming giant Spotify. The company said English-language music was losing its long-time stranglehold. There has been a surge in demand for songs sung in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, and other languages. Spotify said the number of non-English songs in the charts more than doubled between 2020 and 2025. A prime example of how English is losing its hegemony is the worldwide popularity of the Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny. He sings exclusively in Spanish and was Spotify's most-streamed artist globally in 2025. Meanwhile, Spanish artist Rosalia astounded the music world with her award-winning album "Lux," on which she sings in 13 different languages. Spotify said three music genres have seen their chart presence rise by 30 percent or more in the past five years. These are Brazilian Funk, K-pop, and Trap Latino. Their streams increased by 36 percent, 31 percent, and 30 percent respectively. The music website NME said: "The trend is likely to continue growing further into 2026."

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. SONG LYRICS: Make a poster about song lyrics. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. AI VOCALS: Write a magazine article about record companies using AI to translate vocals into any language. 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 song lyrics. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your favourite lyrics. 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 T 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- In the 1950s
- Soft power
- Songs from non-English-speaking countries
- Spanish, Korean, and Arabic
- Between 2020 and 2025
- Bad Bunny
- Thirteen
- Three
- By 30%
- It would continue to grow.

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Countries have benefited considerably from this soft power.
- The music industry is under threat from songs.
- This is according to the music streaming giant.
- Surges in demand for songs sung in Spanish.
- Non-English songs in the charts more than doubled.
- A prime example of how English is losing.
- He was Spotify's most streamed artist globally.
- She astounded the music world with her album.
- Music genres have seen their chart presence rise.
- The trend is likely to continue growing further.

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 ;-)