

Lesson 18

That song is really catchy.

Target: Having a conversation about music.

Vocabulary

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Music



Related vocabulary

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| - to make someone picture something | - to be catchy | - tunes |
| - to crank something up | - to play... to death | - a gig |
| - to get stuck in one's head | - a record label / deal | - a demo disk |
| - to put a CD out / release a CD | - to sell out | - to be influential |
| - to be underrated / overrated | - lyrics | - to beatbox |
| - to go platinum | - a chorus | - to play... on the radio |
| - a one hit wonder | - a duet | - to rip / burn a CD |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. What do you picture in your mind when you listen to different songs?
2. Do you think burning or ripping a CD is the same as making a mixtape?
3. What songs do you only know the chorus for? What songs do you know pretty much all the lyrics for?
4. Which do you prefer, songs in English or songs in your own language? Why?
5. What laws does your country have in regards to copying / downloading music?
6. Discuss what bands / artists you think have been the most influential this decade / last decade.
7. What different genres do you know? What kind of music do you listen to in order to cheer yourself up?
8. What do the following music idioms mean? to drum up business, to blow one's own, to play it by ear.
9. What instruments can you play? How often do you and your friends jam? Have you ever gotten a gig?
10. When do you think it's appropriate to crank up the volume?

Partner #2: Questions

1. What's a song that has gotten stuck in your head recently?
2. How often do you load up your iPod with new songs?
3. What different instruments do you know? e.g. guitar
4. What bands / groups / singers have put out CDs recently?
5. What's your favorite record label?
6. What different kinds of songs do you know? e.g. ballad / anthem
7. Does music help you concentrate? Why? / Why not?
8. What do the following music idioms mean: to get something for a song, to change one's tune?
9. What do you think is the most overrated band in Japan?
10. What are some bands that you think have sold out?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- 1. Role-play:** Partner #1: You are an reporter. Interview a famous singer.
Partner #2: You are a famous singer. Answer the interviewer's questions.
- 2. Speech:** Discuss how music has changed over the last 50 years.
- 3. Speech:** Discuss your personal tastes in music.
- 4. Debate:** You think there isn't any good music anymore, but your partner doesn't agree.