



LEVEL 3

UNIT 7

MORE APPS

Reading 2

Skills:

- Details
- Scanning

Getting started:

How do you listen to music nowadays?

SPOTIFY

Spotify is a Swedish digital music streaming service. It gives you instant access to its vast online library of music and podcasts, allowing you to listen to any content of your choice at any time. It is a legal service as Spotify licenses songs from record labels and pays musicians when their music is played on the platform.

You will find millions of songs from a variety of genres and artists: from obscure indie rock to top 40 pop, movie soundtracks, and classical music. It also has a complex algorithm to recommend music based on your listening history, as well as suggested playlists and internet radio stations.

Podcasts are just as plentiful, so whether you love listening to crime stories or to tech discussions, there is something for everyone. In fact, the company is investing heavily in podcast content, purchasing podcasting networks **Gimlet Media** and **Parcast**.

Best of all, you can use Spotify completely free of charge. The service has a Premium subscription plan, but you can also enjoy an ad-supported version of the platform without spending a cent. Subscribing to Spotify Premium is a great way to get rid of annoying ads, but there is more to the paid version of the service than you might expect. For example, the songs have better audio quality, it allows you to download songs for offline listening, and you can skip songs unlimitedly.

With all these characteristics, Spotify is one of the best options to listen to your favorite music, isn't it?

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Are the following statements true or false? Justify your choices.

1. Spotify is a business from Sweden.
2. It is an illegal platform.
3. Most of the music you find there is rock.
4. Spotify has a sophisticated algorithm to recommend different artists.
5. There isn't a great variety of podcast content.
6. Gimlet Media was bought by Spotify.
7. You can download songs even if you don't pay a subscription.