

The Alphorn - a piece of Swiss culture

Video Worksheet

1. Where is the Alphorn International Festival held every year?
 - A. Nendaz, Canton of Vaud
 - B. Nendaz, Canton of Jura
 - C. Nendaz, Canton of Graubünden
 - D. Nendaz, Canton of Valais

2. How many active Alphorn players in Switzerland?
 - A. over 4,000
 - B. over 40,000
 - C. over 400,000
 - D. over 400

3. How many notes can a player produce while playing Alphorn?
 - A. 11-14
 - B. 12-60
 - C. 12-16
 - D. 20-60

4. What was the Alphorn used for in the past?
 - A. Shepherds needed to use Alphorns as a tool to beat the naughty sheep that tried to run away.
 - B. Shepherds used the Alphorns to communicate with one another over long distances.
 - C. Shepherd held the Alphorns as a weapon to fight against the bears or other dangerous wild animals.
 - D. D. Shepherds viewed the Alphorn as a multifunction instruments in communicating and fighting.

5. Why did Patrícia Monory start playing the Alphorn?
 - A. Her mom demand that she learn the Alphorn starting from age six so that she could be the expert of this musical instrument when she grew up.
 - B. She was influenced by her mother in the childhood and thought playing this kind of musical instrument was cool

- C. She saw her friends playing this musical instrument when they were in the music class, and that made her decide to learn how to play.
- D. Her parents were both the Alphorn players and started to teach her when she was little, hoping that she could inherit their careers in the future.

6. How long do the woods need to be dried before they can be made into Alphorns?

- A. five to eight months
- B. five to eight decades
- C. five to eight years
- D. five to eight days

7. According to the Alphorn maker, François Morisod, why do the trees grow slowly?

- A. because the environment conditions are bad
- B. because the trees are too lazy to absorb the nutrients
- C. because there are too many nutrients in the soil
- D. because there isn't much rain in the dessert

8. What do Treichel perform with?

- A. Small cow bells
- B. huge cow bells
- C. medium bells
- D. all of the above

9. Which family of musical instruments does the Alphorn belong to?

- A. string instruments
- B. brass instruments
- C. woodwind instruments
- D. percussion instruments