

# READING – “GUITAR FACTORY”

The people below all want to visit a guitar factory. Read the eight guitar factory descriptions and the descriptions of the people below. Decide which factory would be suitable.

	Kent wants to visit where he can discuss guitar-making with people who make them. He'd like to hear music played live, and visit somewhere nearby that's connected to rock music.		Tomas and Helena want advice on getting a guitar made for their musician son. They want to stay and eat while they're at the guitar factory, and to buy souvenirs for their grandchildren.
	Marta wants to visit a factory that sells low-priced guitars. She'd also like to see some old ones that were played by well-known guitar heroes, and learn how they were created for individual musicians.		Sara is studying the history of music, and wants to learn more about how guitars were first designed, and how materials are chosen for them. She'd also like to buy a book about guitar-making.
	James and Miranda have always lived in Juan wants to learn to make guitars, and would like information on a career doing this. He'd like to see the different production stages, and try playing some instruments.		

## A Rockalls

The café at Rockalls is always lively place to be – great music played live on instruments made at this well-known guitar factory. Its location is surprising though, as it's miles from the nearest town-- but it's definitely well worth the trip.

## B Ronsons

Ronsors have their own museum full of guitars they've made for rock stars. Your guide will tell you about the skills used to make sure that each guitar was exactly what its owner wanted. After the tour, go and visit the Ronsons shop where guitars are available at better discounts than you'll find in other shops.

## C Barnards

Barnrads are well known for the individual design of their guitars, ideal for professional players with money to spend. You can discuss your needs with staff, who'll make the perfect instrument for you. After you factory tour, relax in the café, before visiting the shop which has gifts for every age.

## D Stocktons

The staff at Stocktons are always happy to talk to interested visitors about the love and care that goes into designing and making their stylish modern guitars. The shop has a fantastic selection of books on the guitar to choose from as well as guitars of course.

## E PSA

Staff at PSA have made guitars by hand since 1956 and they'll answer any questions about their work. Visit the factory shop after your tour or watch professional players performing on PSA guitars in the café. There's also the chance to go and see the homes of several rock stars that lived in this area.

## F Maxwells

Maxwells have made guitars for over 100 years. In their museum, you can find out about the early development of the guitar, and see how much care still goes into selecting the wood that's used to create perfect guitars. And don't forget the gift shop, with its huge selection of books on the guitar.

## G Delamere

The shop at the Delamere factory is worth a visit as guitars are for sale at lower than average prices, plus there's plenty of advice about what to buy. There is little else on offer though after your visit and apart from the shop, the factory offers few visitor facilities.

## H Mitchells

Mitchells train their staff to become as skilled as possible in the art of guitar-making- and encourage people who are considering this as a profession. You'll get the opportunity to watch exactly how each guitar is put together and you can even have a go at playing one or two!