

## UNIT 6/ READING ENRICHMENT

**Read the text and answer the following questions.**



### What types of music do you like?

Bahrain has both **traditional** and modern music. Traditional music of Bahrain **includes** influences from different cultures' folk music, and it is usually **performed** just by men. You can find many **recordings** of the different types of Bahraini music.

**Sawt music:** This type of traditional music is very popular in Bahrain and Kuwait. *Sawt* means 'voice'. This music is played with an oud and accompanied by a variety of instruments.

This music is for special ceremonies and sometimes the men perform a dance too. Khaled El Sheikh is a famous Bahraini singer and oud player. He has written very popular **songs** and musical compositions for a number of plays dedicated to children.

**Fijiri or Fjiri:** This type of traditional music is also for men and is sung by pearl divers. A chorus accompanies the main singer with hand clapping and singing.



**Liwa:** This type of music is very common in Bahrain. A large number of men stand up in a circle and they are accompanied by several drum players. One person stays in the centre and plays an instrument called a *mizmar*.

**Khaliji music:** This type of music is also common in most Arabic countries. Khaliji music means Gulf music. A few of the Khaliji singers sing and **record** their songs in a local dialect of their country.

**Modern music:** Some Khaliji singers combine traditional and modern sounds. They like to **edit** folk music and **mix** it with modern music. People have different **opinions** of this music, but it is a big hit with many **fans**. They think this type of music is really **cool**, and they download electronic versions of the songs so they can listen to them at home.

**(A) Decide whether the statements are true or false.**

1. In Bahrain traditional music is performed by men only.	True	False
2. Sawt music is played with a guitar.	True	False
3. Fijiri music is sung by pearl divers.	True	False
4. Mizmar is used in Liwa music.	True	False

**(B) Choose the correct option.**

1. Khaled El Sheikh is a famous .....

- (a) singer
- (b) artist
- (c) drum player

2. Some singers like to edit and mix ..... with modern music.

- (a) classical music
- (b) folk music
- (c) pop music

**(C) Answer the questions in complete sentences.**

1. What sounds do some Khaliji singers combine?

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2. What do people think about editing and mixing music together?

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