

1. Read the text and fill in the verbs in the correct form.

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| 1. create | 6. make | 11. meet |
| 2. bring | 7. create | 12. share |
| 3. play | 8. sound | 13. grow |
| 4. form | 9. hear | 14. change |
| 5. hear | 10. hold | 15. listen |

Jazz

Have you ever heard anything about jazz [dʒæz]? We are sure you have. Jazz is a type of music and the only art form that was created in the United States. Jazz was **1** by black Americans. Many blacks were **2** from Africa to America as slaves. Different native songs were sung by the black slaves and the music of their homeland was **3** in America.

Jazz is a mixture of many different kinds of music. It is made up of the music of West Africa, the work songs of the slaves and religious music. The first jazz bands¹ were **4** at the end of the

19th century. They played in bars and clubs in many towns and cities of the South, especially New Orleans [nju:'ɔ:lɪnz].

Nowadays New Orleans is an international seaport, and people from all over the world come to New Orleans **5** jazz. Improvisation [ˌɪmprəvaɪ'zeɪʃn] is an important part of jazz. This means that jazz music is **6** up or **7** on the spot.¹ This is why a jazz song can **8** a little different each time it is played.

With time jazz became more and more popular. By the 1920s,² jazz was popular all over the United States. By the 1940s,³ you could not only **9** jazz in clubs and bars, but in concert halls too. Today jazz is played all over the world. On every continent special festivals are **10** where jazz musicians from the United States, Asia, Africa, South America and Europe **11** and **12** their music. In this way jazz continues **13** and **14**. Let's hope that no matter what happens in music jazz will always be performed and **15** to.

2. Write *true* if the sentences are true and *false* if they are not true.

1. Jazz, as an art form, was created by the black American in the United States.

2. Jazz is made up of the music of West African slaves and religious music of Americans.
3. The first jazz bands were performing in bars and clubs of northern American towns.
4. Jazz music is made up by the musicians on the spot.
5. People started visiting concert halls to listen to jazz music in 1940s.
6. People still have to go to the USA to listen to jazz music.
7. Jazz continues to grow and change nowadays.

