

## Reading

- 1 Look at the photos. What do you think the article is about?
  - 1 Famous musicians of the past
  - 2 Changing music technology
  - 3 A new pop band
- 2 Read the article and check your answer to Exercise 1.

### The History of Music

Until the end of the eighteenth century, people made their own music or listened to live music. Rich people sometimes had their own orchestra! In the nineteenth century, people began to record music and for nearly a hundred years they listened to it on the gramophone. In the early twentieth century, people started listening to music on radio stations. In the late twentieth century, CDs became more popular than cassettes or vinyl records. In the early twenty-first century, people started to download music from the internet. Today people can have thousands of songs on their playlist.

- 3 3.2 Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?
  - 1 In the eighteenth century, all rich people had orchestras. *F*
  - 2 People listened to music on gramophones for the first time in the nineteenth century.
  - 3 In the twentieth century, radio stations played music.
  - 4 CDs were more popular than vinyl records in the early twentieth century.
  - 5 Alexander Ljung thinks that in the future people won't keep their music on their computers.
  - 6 Moby thinks that in the future media players will understand us.
  - 7 Albin Serviant thinks that in the future people won't listen to music.

- 4 **What about you?** In pairs, ask and answer.
  - 1 Is music important in your life?
  - 2 How do you usually listen to music?
  - 3 Do you download music or buy CDs?

*Is music important in your life?*

*Yes, it is. I love music.  
I listen to music every day.*

### But how will we listen to music in the future? Here are some predictions:

*'Our clothes will play music when we move or when people touch them.'* **Dan Riley**

*'People won't download music tracks. They'll listen to music on the internet. They won't need to worry about where to keep their music that way.'* **Alexander Ljung**

*'We'll speak to the media players in our cars and homes and they'll find the tracks we want to hear.'* **Moby**

*'People won't only listen to music, they'll re-mix it with computer software so it's new. We'll take a track, add drums, mix it with the words of another song.'* **Albin Serviant**



## Vocabulary Music

1 3.1 Listen and repeat. Then match the pictures to nine of these music words.

album	CD release	composer	concert	1
digital music	download (v)	hit	playlist	
pop chart	radio station	singer	track	

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2 Which words in Exercise 1 are not in the pictures?

3 Match the definitions to the words in Exercise 1.

- 1 a list of musical selections *playlist*
- 2 someone who writes music
- 3 someone who sings
- 4 a performance by musicians or singers
- 5 a very successful song
- 6 a group of songs or pieces of music on a CD
- 7 a list of best-selling pop songs

4 Complete the sentences with the words in Exercise 1.

- 1 I really like listening to *track* two on this CD.
- 2 You can ... the song from our website to your computer.
- 3 I never listen to this ... They only play classical music on it.
- 4 It is cheaper to buy ... than music CDs.
- 5 The new *Kings of Leon* ... is great. I listen to it every day.

5 In pairs, create your own top ten pop chart.

Let's put Adele's new