

READING UNIT 1

1. Read the text about different music from around the world

K pop

K-pop is a type of music that comes from South Korea. It is a mixture of pop, rap, **hip-hop** and rock. It started in 1996 when the first K-pop band – H.O.T. released their first song. Today one of the most popular K-pop groups are Psy. He is **famous for** his song 'Gangnam Style'. It had over 3.1 billion YouTube views!

British folk

The folk music of England is a traditional type of music. People in the UK have been **keen on** folk for hundreds of years. The modern version started developing in the 19th and 20th centuries. The music combines traditional styles with modern rock, pop and even **classical music**. Ed Sheeran is a famous British singer who sings folk. Mumford & Sons are another popular band.

Afro-Cuban jazz

Afro-Cuban **jazz** is a music style from Cuba. It is a mix of traditional jazz and African drums. Musicians developed the style in Cuba in the 1940s and 50s. Mario Bauza is **known for** bringing Afro-Cuban jazz to a larger audience. A well-known musician from that time was Tito Puente. He created beautiful songs that people were **excited about** because they could dance to them. Today The Carlos Adames Group and Jose Cornier are popular Afro-Cuban jazz musicians.



Which type of music ...

	K-pop	Folk	Afro-Cuban Jazz
1 is from Korea?	A	B	C
2 has been around for hundreds of years?	A	B	C
3 does Psy make?	A	B	C
4 uses African drumming styles?	A	B	C
5 started in the 1940s and 50s?	A	B	C
6 started in 1996?	A	B	C

2. Write one word from the box in each gap:

studio piano opera folk dance instruments festival
music play concert stage recording drums

My brother is very clever. He plays the saxophone and lots of other musical (1) instruments. He started by learning to (2) _____ the flute at school. Then he got a guitar, but instead of six strings, it had twelve. He played a lot of traditional Irish (3) _____ music. He got his first saxophone on his 18th birthday and started playing jazz. Now he can play anything just by hearing it, he doesn't have to read the (4) _____. Sometimes he goes to see a band playing, and he jumps up on (5) _____ and plays with them. Now, he's making an album, so he spends all his time in the recording (6) _____.

