

Reading Part 2

Read the text. Use the sentences labelled A-G to complete the text. Write the letter of the missing sentence in the box in the correct gap. There is one extra sentence you will not need.

Karaoke

There are many different types of popular entertainment. The most successful of these are usually very simple.

Karaoke is a Japanese word which translates as 'empty orchestra.' The idea is that the music of a song is played without the words. The result may not always be of great musical quality. It is, however, usually great fun.

It has been around for as long as people have made music. Karaoke has basically developed a tradition which already existed. In a word – technology. Karaoke records both music and words and lets people put them together.

We don't usually know who first had the idea for any type of popular entertainment. These things seem to develop by themselves. In fact, it is generally accepted that the idea for Karaoke as we know it today belongs to someone named Daisuke Inoue. Unfortunately, he never registered the name officially and missed the chance to make a lot of money. He did win an award for 'a new way for people to tolerate each other.'

- A The idea of singing along to background music is not new.
- B With Karaoke, however, this is not the case.
- C What it has done is to use something which did not exist in earlier times.
- D Nobody knows how Karaoke became so popular.
- E People read these from a screen and sing along to the music.
- F If Karaoke has done this, it is truly priceless!
- G Karaoke is a perfect example of this type of success story.

(Total: 6 marks)