

Impact

Grade 7

Unit6

Read and fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box below.

traditional

record

performed

opinions

recordings

cool

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fans

includes

mix

Most Bahraini people have many ----(1)----- of different types of Bahraini music and songs and if you ask them about their favourite music, you will find different answers. Some prefer ----(2)----- music while others prefer modern music. Like every Arabian Gulf countries, traditional music of Bahrain ----(3)----- effects from different cultures' folk music which is usually ----(4)----- just by men.

One of the most popular traditional music in Bahrain is "Sawt" music, which literally means "voice". This music, which is for special ceremonies where men often perform a dance too, is performed by oud and accompanied by other instruments.

Another type of traditional local music is "Fijiri" or "Fjiri" which is sung by pearl divers where a lead singer is backed up by a chorus of accompanying singers and hand clapping.

"Laiwa" is another very common traditional music in Bahrain where many men arrange themselves into a circle and they are accompanied by several drum players. A man stays in the middle and plays an instrument called a "mizmar" or "surnai".

Even when we come to modern music, we will find many Bahraini singers combine traditional and modern sounds. They like to ----(5)----- folk music and then----(6)----- it with modern music. Most of them sing and ----- ----(7)----- their songs in a local dialect.

People have different ---(8)----- of this music, but it has its -----(9)----- as they think this type of music is ----(10)----. Moreover, if they like specific songs and they want to listen to them later, they download electronic versions of them!