

A Instruments and musicians



bass guitar



trumpet



saxophone



drums



cello



keyboard



organ



record



orchestra

conductor



lead singer

SPOTLIGHT the suffix -ist

We often use this suffix for the person who plays a particular instrument, e.g. **cellist**, **saxophonist**, **organist**, **guitarist**, **violinist**, **pianist**. However, we say **trumpeter** and **drummer**, and for some instruments, we use the word **player**, e.g. **keyboard player**.

- 1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write S or D.
Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

- ▶ trumpet / drums S
1 orchestra / keyboard
2 conductor / cello
3 lead singer / keyboard

- 4 guitarist / violinist
5 saxophone / cello
6 bass guitar / player
7 conductor / orchestra

- 2 Complete the musical instruments and the person who plays them.

- ▶ violin / violinist
1 or /
2 tr /
3 ce /

- 4 dr /
5 sax /
6 b gu /
7 key /

- 3 Can you complete these sentences about famous people in music?

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS QUIZ

- ▶ Yehudi Menuhin was a famous violinist
1 Freddie Mercury was singer
for
2 Keith Richards is lead for the
.....
3 Sir Simon Rattle is a famous
4 Ringo Starr played for the
.....
5 John Coltrane played
6 Miles Davis played
7 Yo Yo Ma is a great
8 Bill Wyman played guitar for the
.....
9 Benny Andersson wrote, sang and played
for ABBA.
10 Louis Armstrong, one of the jazz world's great
and singers, made his first
in 1925.



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B A famous rock star

Why is David Bowie so **well known** and widely **admired**?

Firstly, because he was a fine musician and **songwriter** who **toured** the world for over 30 years, but also because **fans** loved the incredible **visual impact** of his **live** performances. They may be surprised to know that he was strongly influenced by classical music, especially the **composer** Stravinsky: his first album in 1967 used many orchestral instruments. **Sadly**, Bowie died in January, 2016, but his final **recording**, his 25th album in total called Blackstar, was **released** just two days earlier.



GLOSSARY

well known	famous: a well-known guitarist
admire	like sb and think they have achieved a lot
songwriter	sb who writes songs
tour	travel around a place, e.g. to perform, on holiday
fan	a person who likes sb or sth, e.g. a singer or a sport
visual	connected with seeing
impact	the effect that sth has: make an impact
composer	a person who writes music, especially classical music, e.g. opera, symphony compose v
sadly	unfortunately
recording	sounds or pictures on a tape, CD or film
release	put an album, CD, DVD, film, etc. onto the market so people can buy it release n

SPOTLIGHT *live, alive, living*

Live (sounds like five) means 'seen or heard as it is happening'.

■ We saw the band play **live**, then watched it on TV a couple of days later.

Living and **alive** mean not dead. **Alive** is not used before a noun.

■ He's one of the greatest **living** pianists. (NOT **alive** pianists)

■ Mozart isn't **alive** today.

4 Yes or No?

► Is Elvis Presley **alive**?

1 If you are a **fan** of someone, do you like them?

2 If you see someone play **live**, are you there in the audience?

3 If something is **visual**, do you hear it?

4 If somebody **releases** an album, can you buy it?

No

5 If somebody is **well known**, are they famous?

6 If somebody **admires** you, do they dislike you?

7 If a performer **is touring**, does he play live music?

8 If you listen to a **recording**, is it live?

9 Is a **living** artist still **alive**?

10 Do **composers** write music?

5 Complete the words in the texts.

Gilberto Gil is a Brazilian singer and guitarist, and one of his country's most talented ► **songwriters**. As a young musician in the 1950s, he was influenced by the bossa nova style of Joao Gilberto, but he didn't (1) r..... his first album, *Louvação*, until 1967. He travelled widely in the 1970s, becoming very (2) w..... known, and then he made a big (3) i..... back in Brazil in 1980 when he introduced reggae to the Brazilian people with his (4) r..... of the Bob Marley song *No woman, no cry*. His (5) f..... love his music for the rhythms and melodies, but he is also (6) a..... outside of music for his work in politics and for social causes.

I'm still a great (7) f..... of **Prince**. He was a wonderful singer and (8) s....., and I was lucky enough to see him (9) l..... on two occasions when he was (10) t..... in Europe. His performances made a huge (11) i..... on me, not just because of the music, but also because he was such a (12) v..... performer with his clothing and dancing. He had great success with albums such as *Purple Rain* and *Sign 'O' the Times*, and he was a major (13) i..... on many other performers. I wish he was still (14) a..... today making music, but (15) s....., he died when he was only 57.



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