

## A Instruments and musicians



bass guitar



trumpet



saxophone



drums



orchestra

conductor



cello



keyboard



organ



record



islanguage

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 **RFP** 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.

- vio li no / violinist
- 1 orchestr /
- 2 trumpet /
- 3 celo /

- 4 drum /
- 5 saxo /
- 6 bass guitar /
- 7 keyboard /

## 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 singer for the       .
- 3 Sir Simon Rattle is a famous conductor.
- 4 Ringo Starr played drums for the       .
- 5 John Coltrane played saxophone.
- 6 Miles Davis played       .
- 7 Yo Yo Ma is a great cellist.
- 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 singers and singers, made his first        in 1925.



## TEST YOURSELF

## 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 **tour**ed 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 25<sup>th</sup> album in total called *Blackstar*, was **released** just two days earlier.



### GLOSSARY

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

### SPOTLIGHT *live, alive, living*

**Live** (sounds like *live*) 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**? **No** ..... 5 If somebody is **well known**, are they famous? .....  
1 If you are a **fan** of someone, do you like them? ..... 6 If somebody **admires** you, do they dislike you? .....  
2 If you see someone play **live**, are you there in the audience? ..... 7 If a performer is **touring**, does he play live music? .....  
3 If something is **visual**, do you hear it? ..... 8 If you listen to a **recording**, is it live? .....  
4 If somebody **releases** an album, can you buy it? ..... 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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