Think and learn

1 **Look and match. What kind of music do you think they are playing?**

orchestral music — jazz — rock music — hip hop









2 **Read. Underline and correct the mistakes in the sentences below.**

The birth of Jazz

Did you know that the word 'cool' comes from jazz and that jazz musicians invented the drum kit that many rock bands use today? Jazz started in the USA, around the beginning of the 20th century. It is a mixture of a kind of African American music called the 'blues' and European orchestral music. 'Blues' music comes from songs that African Americans used to sing while they were working in the fields. These were often sad songs. Rock 'n' roll music also comes originally from the 'blues'.

Common jazz instruments include drums, piano and guitar, as well as instruments that are also used in orchestral music, like saxophone and trumpet, and string instruments like the violin and double bass. Jazz musicians play from printed music, like orchestral musicians, but one big difference between orchestral music and jazz is that in jazz, the musicians sometimes make up the music as they go along. This is called improvisation.



1 Orchestral musicians invented the drum kit.
Jazz musicians invented the drum kit.

2 Jazz is a mixture of hip hop and 'blues'.

3 'Blues' is often happy music.

4 The guitar, drums and harp are common jazz instruments.

5 The trumpet and violin are string instruments.

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3 Read the article and complete the fact file.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG is one of the most famous jazz musicians. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the south of the USA, on 4th August 1901. He started playing the cornet – a wind instrument, like the trumpet – when he was 13. Later, in the 1920s, he changed to the trumpet. He is famous because he was very good at improvisation on the trumpet and he was a very good singer, with a strong, deep voice. His most famous song is *What a Wonderful World*, recorded in 1967. It became a best-selling record in the UK and many other countries around the world. At the time, Louis Armstrong became the oldest person to have a number one hit. He is so famous that the airport in New Orleans is named after him!



FACT FILE

Name: Louis Armstrong
Born (when): _____
Born (where): _____
Music genre: _____
Instrument: _____

Did he sing? _____
Famous record: _____
Famous because: _____
_____
_____
Fun fact: _____
_____

4 Project What have you found out about the musician you chose?

Name:
Genre:
Fact 1:
Fact 2:

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