

## TA7. Unit 4. Music and arts – Reading 2

**Exercise 1: Read the following passage and answer the questions.**

Music and arts have been part of human culture for centuries. People enjoy different forms of art, such as **street painting**, **water puppetry**, or listening to **classical music**. While some prefer modern genres like **pop music**, others find joy in **folk music** that connects them to their traditions. Art venues such as **concert halls** and **art galleries** are popular places to enjoy artistic performances or view **art collections**. Many individuals also participate in artistic activities like learning to **play musical instruments** such as the piano or cello, while others explore creativity by **taking photos** or painting. Art is not only for enjoyment but also helps us understand history and emotions through the works of **artists**, **poets**, and **composers**.

**Questions:**

1. What is one example of a traditional art form mentioned in the passage?
  - a) Pop music
  - b) Water puppetry
  - c) Playing sports
2. Which genre of music is described as connecting people to their traditions?
  - a) Classical music
  - b) Folk music
  - c) Country music
3. What are two examples of modern artistic activities mentioned?
  - a) Playing the piano and writing poetry
  - b) Street painting and water puppetry
  - c) Taking photos and painting
4. Where can people enjoy musical performances?
  - a) Art galleries
  - b) Concert halls
  - c) Science labs
5. Who creates works of art, music, or poetry?
  - a) Scientists
  - b) Composers
  - c) Actresses
6. What instrument is commonly associated with classical music?
  - a) Paintbrush
  - b) Cello
  - c) Computer
7. Which activity is described as a way to view art collections?
  - a) Taking photos
  - b) Visiting an art gallery
  - c) Playing computer games
8. Which term describes an artist who paints on public surfaces?
  - a) Street painter
  - b) Musician
  - c) Scientist
9. How is art useful beyond entertainment?
  - a) It connects people to traditions.
  - b) It helps us understand history and emotions.
  - c) It allows people to play sports.
10. Which profession is focused on composing music?
  - a) Poet
  - b) Composer
  - c) Artist

**Exercise 2: Read the following text and decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F).**

Every year, numerous **art exhibitions** and **music contests** are organized globally. At these events, talented **musicians**, **artists**, and **poets** showcase their skills. While some focus on traditional **folk music**, others perform **classical music** in prestigious **concert halls**. Many young people take an interest in **pop music** or explore **street painting** as a form of self-expression. Moreover, art tools like a **paintbrush** are essential for creating portraits or other works of art. Whether through music, painting, or photography, people find unique ways to express themselves.

**Statements:**

1. Music contests only focus on pop music.
2. Concert halls are venues for classical music performances.
3. Poets often use paintbrushes to create their art.
4. Street painting is described as a form of self-expression.
5. Art exhibitions showcase works of art by talented individuals.
6. A paintbrush is used for creating portraits.
7. Young people are only interested in traditional folk music.
8. Photography is mentioned as a form of artistic expression.
9. Prestigious concert halls host art exhibitions.
10. Artists and musicians express themselves in unique ways.

**Exercise 3: Match each sentence fragment in Column A with its correct continuation in Column B.**

| Column A:                                     | Column B:                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Classical music is often performed...      | a) young people explore their love for music. |
| 2. Street painting allows artists...          | b) in prestigious concert halls.              |
| 3. Art galleries often feature...             | c) to traditional cultures and history.       |
| 4. Musicians and composers create...          | d) in creating beautiful portraits.           |
| 5. Folk music is deeply connected...          | e) in public places like sidewalks or walls.  |
| 6. Playing musical instruments helps...       | f) for artists to showcase their creations.   |
| 7. Water puppetry is a traditional...         | g) for its modern and catchy rhythms.         |
| 8. Pop music is popular...                    | h) to present stories in an entertaining way. |
| 9. A paintbrush is a tool used by...          | i) people relax and develop creativity.       |
| 10. Art exhibitions provide an opportunity... | j) works of art like portraits or sculptures. |