

READING

Power up

- 1 Do you have any musical events like these where you live? Do you think there are enough? Why/Why not?

classical concerts

dance shows

JAZZ CONCERTS

rock festivals

school musicals

singing competitions

- 2 What musical instruments can you play or have you tried? What would you like to play? Talk about these instruments or others that you like.

drums electric guitar
keyboard piano trumpet


Read on

- 3 Look at the photos in the article and answer the questions.
- Who is in the photos?
 - What are they doing?
 - Where do you think they are?
- 4 Read the article quickly. What does it tell you about the people in the photos?

Two countries,
one message.

Walk around the streets of Stirling in Scotland or Caracas in Venezuela and what type of music will you hear? Hip hop, Latin, folk? Yes, but you will also hear classical. A few years ago only one school child in the Raploch area of Stirling was learning a musical instrument. Now, hundreds of children are 2) _____ instruments, and in 2012 some of them performed live with Venezuela's famous Simón Bolívar Orchestra. 8,000 people were in the audience. So, how 3) _____ the connection between Scotland and Venezuela happen, and why?



Exam 

When you are doing a gap-fill exercise, look at the words before and after the space. They will help you decide which word you need.

5 Read the article again and choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

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|-------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| 1 A for | B since | C past | D ago |
| 2 A making | B having | C playing | D doing |
| 3 A did | B was | C has | D will |
| 4 A started | B based | C introduced | D opened |
| 5 A had | B were | C was | D made |
| 6 A Some | B Every | C Both | D All |
| 7 A more | B such | C too | D most |
| 8 A as | B when | C for | D since |
| 9 A up | B into | C out | D off |
| 10 A made | B given | C sent | D kept |

6 Find words and phrases in the article that mean the following.

- 1 when you see or hear something at the same time that it happens (line 7)
- 2 the people who live in the same town or area (line 17)
- 3 a type of wind instrument (line 23)
- 4 doing an activity as a job (line 31)
- 5 to continue to do something (line 47)

Sum up

7 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions (1-3). Don't look at the text!

- 1 Where and why did the system start?
- 2 Why is the system important?
- 3 What do you remember about Genesis and Leswi?

Speak up

8 Are free music lessons after school a good idea? Why/Why not?

I think they're a good idea because they're often very expensive.

10 This musical adventure 4) _____ in Caracas in 1975. The musician José Antonio Abreu wanted to offer free music lessons to children who lived in places where there weren't many after-school activities. His idea was simple. Give children classical music and they learn to work as a team, and they gain confidence. He knew that it would also help the community, so he began 'El Sistema', which means 'the system'. In the beginning, there 5) _____ just eleven children. Since then, more than two million have taken part in the system.

One of those students is Genesis da Silva who dreams of being a great musician. 6) _____ day after school, she spends five hours playing the clarinet before going home and practising more. She lives with her family and they all want her to do well. She says that the 7) _____ important thing is to enjoy the music she says. Genesis is sure she can win a place in the system's Simón Bolívar Orchestra. After all her hard work, if she didn't get a place her family and friends would be very surprised.

Leswi Pantaja is a professional musician in the Simón Bolívar Orchestra and has known his musical friends 8) _____ he was eleven years old. What would his life be like if he didn't have his music? It's hard to imagine. If he didn't play in the orchestra, he wouldn't have so many friends. 'We've grown 9) _____ together as a family,' he says. Although Leswi grew up with Latin music and salsa, when he joined the system he learnt about classical music. Now he enjoys playing both.

After the success of the system in Venezuela, music teachers in Scotland were keen to see something similar, and in 2008 System Scotland began its own orchestra called The Big Noise. Schoolgirl Morgan is in the orchestra. She had learned to read music and plays many different kinds of instruments now. She loves the Big Noise and wants to keep on playing it in the future. The system has 10) _____ children like Morgan the possibility to have dreams. They love being on stage, and the performance by Scottish schoolchildren and Venezuelan musicians showed that those dreams can come true.

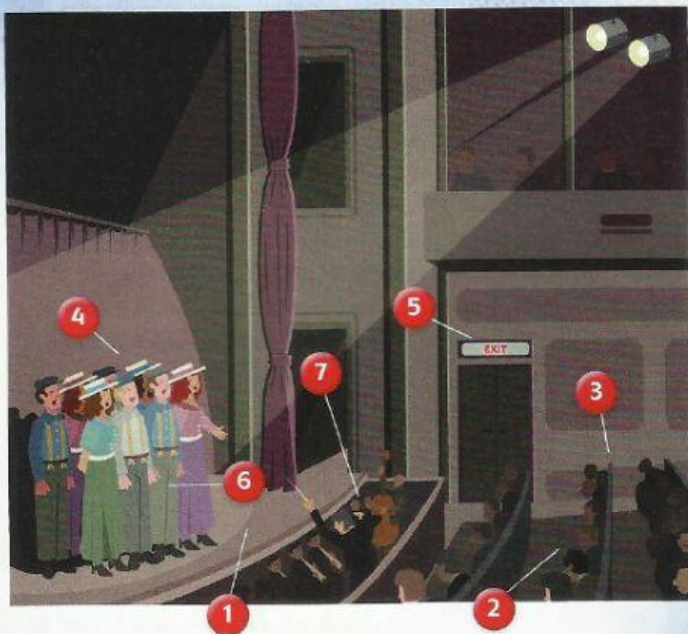


VOCABULARY

Entertainment

1 Label the picture with these words.

audience choir costume exit
orchestra row stage



2 7.1 Listen to the entertainment quiz. Answer with a word from Exercise 1.

3 Match the meanings (1–8) with these verbs.

book clap entertain film interview
perform record review

- 1 to do something in front of an audience, e.g. act, sing, dance *perform*
- 2 to write a report about something new, e.g. a book, a film, an album
- 3 to ask someone questions so that you can find out information
- 4 to do something that other people find interesting or funny
- 5 to make a film or moving picture
- 6 to put music, words or pictures on disk, so that people can listen to them or watch them
- 7 to arrange to have or do something at a time in the future
- 8 to hit your hands together several times to show you have enjoyed something

Word XP

When you learn a new verb, find other words that go with it.

record a song/an album

interview an actor/a famous person

perform in a play/in a ballet/in a musical/on stage/in a TV show

book a ticket/seat

film a documentary/TV programme/scene

4 7.2 Listen to five situations. What is happening in each situation?

1 A woman is interviewing somebody about his writing.

5 Read the text. Choose the correct words.

Welcome to your

What's on guide

– daily information on events in your area

Tonight, Harry Marley will 1) *entertain/perform* songs from his new album. Tickets only cost £5 so 2) *book/record* early as this is going to be popular.

Mollie Richards is 3) *interviewing/reviewing* Tyler Wilson about his new book for the Teen Literature festival. Admission is free.

The rock group, Dizzy, are recording their new 4) *album/play* at George Street studio. Listen to them on Radio Buzz at 6 p.m.

Would you like to be on a TV programme?

ABC studio is 5) *entertaining/filming* in Newtown this evening. Call this number: 08944 84756.

The Urban Youth theatre is looking for talented teenagers to perform in an exciting new 6) *show/stage*. Come and meet us from 2–4 p.m. this afternoon.

Game on

Work with a partner. Choose a word from the page. Explain it to your partner, but don't say the word. You can say three things. Your partner tries to guess the word.