

Read the text and choose the correct option, true (T) or false (F).

Exploring the World of Musical Comedy

Musical comedy combines two things most people really enjoy: music and entertaining stories. Imagine actors on a stage, singing great songs, dancing with energy, and making you laugh with their jokes. That's musical comedy!

In musical comedy, characters use songs to share their feelings and thoughts. It's like a play, but with songs that make the story even better. The songs can be about anything – from falling in love to solving mysteries or just talking about everyday life. The music makes the story more fun and helps you remember it better.

Think about characters singing, dancing and telling jokes at the same time. These performances are called musical numbers. They're like mini-concerts right in the middle of the story. They usually happen at the most important moments in the story, when characters learn something that is very interesting to them, if they are feeling extreme emotions or when something crucial happens.

Musical comedies have been around for a long time and have made lots of people happy. You might have heard of shows like "The Sound of Music," "Grease," and "The Phantom of the Opera". These shows have fantastic songs that you might find yourself singing later for no reason!

One really famous musical comedy that did very well is called "Mamma Mia!" People all over the world love it because it's filled with famous songs and it tells a lovely story. The musical happens on a pretty Greek island and is about a girl who wants to find out who her dad is before she gets married. The best part is that they use incredible songs from a famous band called ABBA. When the characters start singing these songs, the audience wants to sing and dance too! "Mamma Mia!" is full of happiness, fun, and music, and it's a big hit that people of all ages enjoy. It's like a big happy party that happens on stage!

You don't need to be a great singer or dancer to try musical comedy. Schools and groups often put on musicals, and anyone can join! It's a chance to make friends, learn new things, and have an amazing time on stage.

Adapted from: <https://www.musicalexpert.org/what-is-a-musical-comedy.htm>

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| 1. The songs in musical comedies can only be about love. | T / F |
| 2. Musical numbers are necessary because they mark the principal events of the story. | T / F |
| 3. Musical comedies are not really a new type of play or film. | T / F |
| 4. Only people who are old like the musical "Mamma Mia!" | T / F |
| 5. People who want to try musical comedy should already be musical experts. | T / F |

SECTION B: Language in Use

I. Choose the best alternative. The first one has been done for you.

- e.g. They B to the Fiji Islands twice and say it's great for a holiday.
a- went b- have been c- have gone
- 1- Lots of video games _____ by teenagers all the time all over the world.
a- played b- were played c- are played
- 2- We have everything we need to make the cake. Susan _____ buy anything.
a- doesn't need to b- mustn't c- should
- 3- Claudia is a great friend. _____, she helps her parents at home.
a- In addition b- However c- Although
- 4- If I _____ the time, I would visit my grandparents every weekend.
a- have b- had c- will have
- 5- We love our history teacher. She never shouts at _____.
a- everyone b- someone c- anyone

II. Complete the dialogue. Use the word(s) in brackets. Look at the example first.

e.g.: **You:** Dad, what time **do I have to be** in tonight? (BE)

Dad: Not too late! You must be home by eleven!

Angela: Hi Pam, guess what? I got a new bike!

Pam: Wow, really? That's cool, Angela! 1) _____ it? (DID)

Angela: I bought it at Mike's Awesome Bikes. I love it! It's 2) _____ my old one. (THAN)

Pam: That sounds great! Do you like cycling? I 3) _____ a bike. (NEVER)

Angela: Oh! You 4) _____ a bike. It's so much fun. (SHOULD)

Pam: I'm a little scared of falling.

Angela: I can help you! Don't worry! If I teach you, 5) _____. (WON'T)

Pam: That sounds great, Angela. You're an amazing friend!

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Make any necessary changes.

Dear Neil,

Hi! I wanted to share some news with you – I 1) _____ (start) playing handball for our school in the next few months so, now, I 2) _____ (need) a lot of practice to get ready for the next matches. Last week, I 3) _____ (have) my first training session, and it was great fun. While we 4) _____ (practise), the coach helped me with all the things I asked him.

Did you know that I 5) _____ (love) handball since I was a kid? I've watched many games on TV. That's why I 6) _____ (go) to the gym three times a week to build my body up. I believe that practice and hard work are the keys to success. Hopefully, soon I 7) _____ (play) a real match with the team. I can't wait to see how it goes.

So, I 8) _____ (just tell) you my news! What about you? Tell me about the things you 9) _____ (do) these days! By the way, I 10) _____ (not read) the book we were supposed to read for literature yet! I should do that now!

Love,

Scott

Choose **one** of the following and write about 70 words on it.

a) A friend of yours is thinking about adopting a pet. Write **an email** to him/her telling him/her about the things he/she should think about.

Say:

- **Which** pet to adopt
- **What** elements the pet needs

- **Where** in the house the pet can sleep/play
- **How** your friend will help to look after the pet.

b) Write **a paragraph** giving your opinion about this topic "Tik Tok is the best social network".

Say:

- **What** social networks teens use
- **What** problems social networks have

- **When** they use social networks
- **Why** Tik Tok is the best social network or not.
