



UP English Center

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1. Music vocabulary

Complete each sentence with ONE word from the box. Use each word once.

audience • band • concert • conductor

instrument • lyrics • rhythm • stage

1. The singer stood on the _____ so everyone could see her.
2. The _____ clapped at the end of the show.
3. Our school _____ has a singer, a drummer and two guitarists.
4. We bought tickets for a live _____ on Saturday.
5. The _____ tells the orchestra when to start and stop.
6. Tap your foot to the steady _____ of the song.
7. A violin is a musical _____ with four strings.
8. I know the tune, but I cannot remember the _____ of the song.

2. Reading

Read the blog. Then answer the questions in Section 3.

The Instrument You Can Play Without Touching



Leon Theremin with his instrument, 1928. Photo: The New York Times / Wikimedia Commons (public domain).

Have you ever watched a musician move their hands in the air and make music? Meet the theremin! This electronic instrument has no keys or strings to press. You play it without touching it. It looks unusual, and its sound can be strange and beautiful.

The instrument takes its name from its inventor, Leon Theremin. He developed it around 1920. A typical theremin has two metal antennas. The player stands in front of it and moves both hands near them. One hand controls how high or low the sound is. The other controls how loud or quiet it is. Even a small movement changes the sound.

The theremin can sound a little like a human voice. It can also make mysterious sounds, so it has appeared in film music. However, it is not only for scary films. Musicians can play gentle melodies on it too.

It may look easy because there are no buttons to learn. In fact, playing a clear tune takes a lot of practice. Players need to listen carefully and keep their hands very steady. You cannot simply put a finger on a key to find the right note.

I would love to try a theremin one day. I probably would not sound great at first, but making music in the air looks exciting! Would you give it a go?

3. Reading comprehension

Choose ONE answer A, B or C for each question. Use the blog in Section 2.

1. What is the blog mainly about?

- A. A famous singer's life
- B. An unusual instrument and how it works
- C. The best way to join a band

2. Where does the name theremin come from?

- A. Its inventor
- B. A film title
- C. A kind of song

3. What does one hand control while the other controls loudness?

- A. The number of strings
- B. The speed of a recording
- C. How high or low the sound is

4. Why has the theremin appeared in film music?

- A. It can make mysterious sounds
- B. It is always easy to play
- C. It only makes loud sounds

5. Why does playing a clear tune take practice?

- A. Players must learn many buttons
- B. Small hand movements change the sound
- C. Players have to touch both antennas

6. How does the blogger feel about trying the theremin?

- A. Worried that it is dangerous
- B. Sure they will play perfectly
- C. Interested, even if it is difficult at first

4. Opinion essay

Write an opinion essay of 120-150 words.

Should schools teach every student to play a musical instrument?

Give your opinion. Explain two reasons and include examples. Finish with a short conclusion. You may agree or disagree.

Write your essay here: