

# Vocabulary

## Fill in the blanks.

1. Remember, kids, a good

\_\_\_\_\_ member knows when to clap and when to sit quietly.

2. Are you excited to see the ballet tonight? I heard Qiao Yang is an amazing

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. I'd like to change my teacher's mind about my grades. What argument might

\_\_\_\_\_ him?

4. I want to go to the concert, but the

\_\_\_\_\_ fee is very high.

5. Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ story of this

band? I'd like to know where they came from!

**origin**

**admission**

**performer**

**influence**

**style**

**audience**

# COMPREHENSION FROM THE ARTICLE.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: ADVICE FOR TEACHERS: USE THE SAME FORMS OF INFORMAL LANGUAGE.

## THE ORIGIN OF ROCK 'N' ROLL

Rock 'n' roll has been a popular style of music since the late 1940s. There are many different people responsible for its beginnings. However, it's widely believed that its origin lies in a performer named Sister Rosetta Tharpe. As a child, Rosetta was frequently found, alongside her mother, in the audience of gospel concerts across the American South. She was a part of her mother's musical performances from the age of 4. She was known as a musical prodigy because of her singing and guitar-playing skills. Tharpe also used the admission fees from her concerts to help support her family.

Tharpe began recording in 1938, at the age of 23. Many songs from her first album instantly became popular. Her first rock 'n' roll hit was recorded in 1944, and it featured Tharpe singing and playing the electric guitar. It also had band members playing piano, bass, and drums. It was called "Strange Things Happening Every Day," and it reached number two on the Billboard charts.

Sister Rosetta has been an inspiration for many musicians. Little Richard, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, and many other musicians have said that Tharpe's musical influence helped to shape their careers. While there have been many great rock 'n' roll musicians since Rosetta Tharpe, she remains known as the first.

Since the 1940s, rock music has gone through many changes. In the 50s, the music was a mixture of rock 'n' roll, blues, country, and jazz. Today, rock music is usually performed with one or two electric guitars, a bass guitar, and a drum kit. Rock 'n' roll is popular all over the world. In addition, it's more than just a musical style. It has influenced certain types of lifestyles, fashions, attitudes, and it has even influenced language.



1. Rosetta Tharpe had a lot of talent at a young age.      true / false
2. Rosetta Tharpe had only one big hit.      true / false
3. Rock 'n' roll is the same today as it was when it began.      true / false
4. Sister Rosetta Tharpe had many inspirations for her music, such as Johnny Cash.      true / false
5. Music can influence language.      true / false