

ENGLISH VOCABULARY

Module 3: The Entertainment Industry

Exe 2: Select a word from the box to fill each gap in the extract. Use each word once only. You will not have to change the form of the word.

supporting tune demo playlist key
ballads flat posthumous range

1. She received a _____ award for her contribution to music. Her son accepted it on behalf of his mother, who, though now deceased, will surely live on in our memory for a very long time to come.
2. He is _____ Mexirod on their tour of Canada this autumn.
3. If you think you have what it takes, send me in your _____ tape and I promise I will have a listen.
4. The band became known for its trademark power _____.
5. The D.J. invited listeners to call in with their suggestions for the _____.
6. The judge on the talent show accused the band of singing out of _____ and murdering the lyrics of a perfectly good song.
7. He had a lovely tone in his singing voice but his _____ was very limited and he simply could not reach the high notes.
8. You were not singing in _____; in fact, your voice sounded quite _____. I'm afraid we will not be putting you through to the next round on this occasion, but thank you for auditioning.

Exe 3: Match 1 - 8 with the strongest collocations from i - viii

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| 1. house | | i. listening |
| 2. indie | | ii. act |
| 3. easy | | iii. album |
| 4. booking | | iv. music |
| 5. recording | | v. manager |
| 6. studio | | vi. contract |
| 7. road | | vii. band |
| 8. supporting | | viii. agent |

Now use the completed phrases from the above table to fill in the blanks below. Use each phrase once only.

1. They were a top draw for this pub for many years, so it seemed a no-brainer to make them the official _____.
2. The _____ was, in my opinion, actually more entertaining than the headline band.
3. These guys are great; I can't wait until their first _____ is released next weekend.
4. What they play is more _____ than mainstream pop. Even so, they've built up a large fan base.
5. He's the king of _____; I can't think of any artist I'd chose over him if I just want to put my feet up and unwind.
6. The _____ has got us an extra gig on Sunday on account of how well the last one went down.
7. As _____s go, she's right up there with the best of them; she makes sure everything runs smoothly but you'd hardly even know she was there from beginning to end of tour.
8. They've somehow bagged a million-dollar _____ with Sony, despite the fact that they have yet to even have a top-ten hit.

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Exe 1: Underline the one which makes a common collocation.

- a) Everyone clapped enthusiastically when the actors came on screen/ stage.
- b) Most critics agree that Celia gave the best acting/performance.
- c) We bought some ice-cream during the interlude/ interval of the play.
- d) Jean has decided to join an amateur dramatic/ theatrical society.
- e) There was so much suspense that I was kept on the edge of my place/ seat.
- f) The leading lady unfortunately lost her voice during the dress/ stage rehearsal.
- g) Most modern plays don't need a lot of complicated scenery/ landscape.
- h) I thought it was a good film but it got terrible previews/ reviews.
- i) Quite honestly, I haven't much time for horror/ terror films.

Exe 2: Choose the correct answer.

1. I've got a/an _____ for the school play tomorrow. I really hope I get the main part.
A. rehearsal B. practice C. audition D. performance
2. Did you read that _____ of the new Lloyd-Rice musical? It said it was awful!
A. review B. criticism C. report D. summary

3. I'm going to stay in and _____ TV tonight.

- A. see B. watch C. look at D. view

4. We really _____ ourselves at the party! Thanks so much for inviting us.

- A. entertained B. had fun C. enjoyed D. occupied

5. Ellie does a/an _____ each week for the local newspaper. It's usually quite funny.

- A. comic B. comedian C. animation D. cartoon

6. The water park we went to yesterday was fantastic, but the entrance _____ was a bit expensive.

- A. ticket B. fee C. charge D. cost

7. *Vanilla Sky* _____ Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz and Cameron Diaz.

- A. acts B. plays C. stars D. contains

8. When you're learning to play a musical instrument, it's important to _____ for an hour or two hours every day.

- A. rehearse B. practice C. perform D. train

9. The play wasn't supposed to be a comedy, but everyone started laughing when some of the _____ fell over and hit one of the actors.

- A. scenery B. scenes C. stages D. acts

10. Louis de Bernieres' _____ *Captain Mandolin*, which is set on the Greek Island of Cephallonia during the Second World War, was an international bestseller.

- A. fiction B. account C. anecdote D. novel

11. Have you _____ the joke about the guy who fell off a 20-metre-high ladder? He was fine – he fell off the bottom rung.

- a. listened to B. overhead C. heard D. paid attention to

12. Being the conductor of a large _____ is an extremely demanding job. You have to make sure about a hundred musicians are playing in time.

- A. group B. band C. company D. orchestra

