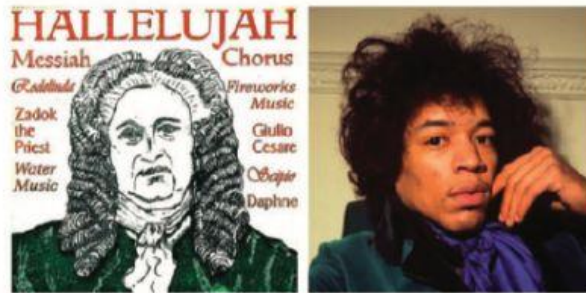


Listening - Houses

Look at the pictures of George Frideric Handel and Jimi Hendrix. What do you know about them?



Look at the poster and read the information about a London museum. Check your answers to a. Which bedroom do you like best? Why?

Handel & Hendrix in London

Two successful and innovative musicians left their countries and came to live in London, the city where music was happening. One came in the early 18th century, when London was the centre for opera, and one came in the swinging 1960s, when the Beatles and the Rolling Stones were revolutionizing pop music. Where did they choose to live? In the same building, 23–25 Brook Street...



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- c You're going to listen to an audio guide to the *Handel & Hendrix in London* museum. Before you listen, look at extracts 1–8. Who do you think each extract is about, Handel or Hendrix? Write **Han** or **Hen**.

- 1 ☐ However, after becoming a British citizen five years later, he decided to continue renting the house.
- 2 ☐ He moved in briefly in July, before returning to the United States for an extensive tour.
- 3 ☐ There was a basement containing the kitchens, and on the ground floor, there was a room at the front for receiving visitors.
- 4 ☐ In the largest room, he kept his instruments (a harpsichord and a little house organ), and he occasionally rehearsed there.
- 5 ☐ He bought curtains and cushions from the nearby John Lewis department store, as well as ornaments from Portobello Road market and elsewhere.
- 6 ☐ In January the following year, he gave a series of press and media interviews and photo shoots in the flat.
- 7 ☐ Over the years, his flat was used as an office, until it was taken over in 2000 by the Handel House Trust.
- 8 ☐ He was buried in Westminster Abbey, and more than 3,000 people attended his funeral.

Glossary

Surrey a county in the south-east of England
the *Messiah* Handel's most famous choral work

Westminster Abbey one of London's great churches
the Royal Albert Hall a concert hall in south-west London

- d 7.21 Listen and check.

Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Who lived in 25 Brook Street before Handel?
- 2 Why was he not allowed to buy the house?
- 3 What did Handel use the rooms on the first floor for?
- 4 What rooms were there on the second floor?
- 5 Who lived in the attic?
- 6 How long did Hendrix's career last?
- 7 Who was Kathy Etchingham?
- 8 When did Hendrix leave the flat?
- 9 Where did he die?
- 10 What was the flat used for before it became a museum?

7.22 Read some extracts from the listening and try to complete the missing words. What do they mean? Then listen and check.

- 1 Handel decided to s_____ permanently in England...
- 2 After living in Surrey for some years, he m_____ to London...
- 3 He was the first o_____ of the house...
- 4 The flat on the u_____ floors of 23 Brook Street was found by...
- 5 He spent some time d_____ the flat to his own taste.
- 6 The whole house is now a museum and a concert v_____...