

Check these words

percussionist, frozen, waterfall, icicles, horn, harp, didgeridoo, compose, chill-out, glacier, freezer, deep freeze, escape, approach, music critic, Mother Nature

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Music messages



Reading

3 Look at the musician in the picture. Why is he called the 'ice musician'? Read through to find out.



Terje Isungset, is a Norwegian-born musician, who has developed a unique way of using ice to make music. He thinks it is the music of the future and he could be right!

Isungset had been a percussionist playing drums in different bands for many years when his music suddenly took a whole new direction. He said that his interest in ice music began when he played at a concert held behind a frozen waterfall. As he played his music he wondered what kind of sounds he could get out of ice. 1 He soon moved on to making other instruments from ice, including horns, harps and trumpets. He has even made ice guitars, ice harps and an ice didgeridoo. Isungset is the world's only ice musician composing music just for ice instruments he makes. Terje calls his ice music chill-out music. His instruments aren't just made out of any old ice, either. He gets blocks from glaciers and some of the ice he uses is hundreds of years old. According to Isungset, the quality of the ice affects the quality of the sound the ice instrument produces. Another problem with ice instruments is that they only last for one or two concerts before they melt. He has a crew who bring freezers to the concerts and as soon as he's finished playing an instrument the crew puts it straight into the deep freeze. 2 Although, as far as he is concerned, it is up to nature what kind of music he makes during a performance. Terje said that he wanted to raise people's awareness of nature through his instruments and ice music.

So why does Terje want to play music that is so different? He said that the only way he could escape normal musical traditions was to change the instruments he used as well as the way he approached music. But what about music fans? 3 Isungset has recently been busy with a concert tour across Europe. He has also recorded six albums of ice music, which have received good reviews from music critics and are in demand by his fans. Even though he's very busy with all his projects, he still finds time to run the Ice Music Festival in Geilo, Norway, which he started in 2006.

So what does the future hold for Isungset? Is ice music here to stay? 4 The music he creates is beautiful and the sounds from his instruments are ones that you would never expect to hear. Isungset is a very talented musician who, with the help of Mother Nature, makes very beautiful music.

These sentences are taken from the text. Write a letter next to the number in the text where that sentence should be.

A Even though he only used the horn 50 times, it was worth it.

B He experimented by making percussion instruments from icicles.

C Have they tuned in to his music?

D If the success of his music so far is anything to go on, then it looks like it is.

E Terje also says that the temperature inside the concert hall affects the sound of the music

5 a) Fill in: ...

compose deep take chill-out demand
talented raise affect frozen

1 to ... a new direction	6 to ... the quality of the sound
2 ... waterfall	7 to ... awareness
3 to ... music	8 to be in ...
4 ... music	9 ... musician
5 ... freeze	

Write the word or phrase to the given definition:

Wind instrument, string instrument, brass instrument, percussion instrument, drum, tune into smth, take a whole new direction, frozen, waterfall, icicle, harp, compose, chill out, glacier, deep freeze, approach, in demand

- 1 **D** ... (phr) a musical instrument that produces sound with strings that vibrate, such as a violin, guitar etc
- 2 **D** ... (phr) a musical instrument that produces sound when the player blows air into it
- 3 **D** ... (phr) a musical instrument which is made of a bright yellow metal such as a trumpet, trombone etc
- 4 **D** ... (phr) a musical instrument that you hit or shake, such as drums, maracas etc
- 5 **D** ... (n) a percussion instrument played using sticks
- 6 **D** ... (v) to listen to sth out of enjoyment (music, radio etc.)
- 7 **D** ... (phr) to go a completely different way
- 8 **D** ... (adj) very solid because of being kept at a very low temperature
- 9 **D** ... (n) water dropping from a higher to a lower point
- 10 **D** ... (n) a spike of ice formed by water dripping
- 11 **D** ... (n) a musical instrument made up of many strings which are plucked using both hands
- 12 **D** ... (v) to write a piece of music
- 13 **D** ... (adj) relaxing
- 14 **D** ... (n) an extremely large mass of ice
- 15 **D** ... (phr) extremely cold conditions
- 16 **D** ... (v) to deal with sth in a particular way
- 17 **D** ... (phr) wanted very much; popular

Music

1 Label the pictures.

accordion

cello

drums

flute

guitar

harp

horn

piano

saxophone

tambourine

trumpet

violin

xylophone



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Write which of them are:

1. STRING INSTRUMENTS:
2. WIND INSTRUMENTS:
3. BRASS INSTRUMENTS:
4. PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS:

3 ★ Choose the correct word.

- 1 Ice instruments must be kept in a **deep/heavy** freeze or they will melt.
- 2 The popular band was in **demand/project** by their fans.
- 3 The kind of melody the ice instruments make during a concert is up to **nature/environment**.
- 4 I never **expected/waited** to hear you say such a thing!
- 5 The artists have created a **unique/talented** way of making music without instruments.

2 Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs. CHECK

- play • conduct • sing • listen • compose • record

- 1 John learned how to the bagpipes when he was a child. 
- 2 It took him over a year to his most famous opera. 
- 3 The reggae band their latest album in the studio last month. 
- 4 The famous maestro the orchestra on the opening night of the classical music festival. 
- 5 The audience were almost in tears when the choir the last piece at the performance. 
- 6 The music students were encouraged to to the beats of different types of music. 

3 Choose the correct word.

- 1 I couldn't help tapping my feet to the **tune/beat** of the music. 
- 2 It's every young boy's dream to be in a rock **band/crew** one day. 
- 3 The orchestra has performed in the biggest concert **rooms/halls** around the world. 
- 4 A lead **musician/singer** needs to have charisma as well as a good voice. 
- 5 I usually listen to some chill-out **music/concerts** when I want to relax. 
- 6 This electronic band uses digital software and sound **effects/events** to create their unusual style. 

2 ★ Fill in: *compose, affect, raise, escape, receive, take and future* in the correct form. CHECK

- 1 His acting career a new direction when he was cast in a leading role. 
- 2 The artist uses instruments made from ice to music. 
- 3 What the sound quality during a recording? 
- 4 He writes songs to people's awareness of environmental problems. 
- 5 The band great reviews from the critics last week. 
- 6 I don't know what the holds for me; but I am optimistic nonetheless. 
- 7 The musician created a new form of music to normal musical traditions. 