

**Listening skills practice: Band auditions – exercises**

Listen to the conversation and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

**Preparation**

**Do this exercise before you listen.** Match the vocabulary with the definition and write a – c next to the number 1 – 3.

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| 1..... band       | a. An object like a piano, guitar or drum that you use to play music.                       |
| 2..... instrument | b. A time when a band asks new people to sing or play to decide if they can be in the band. |
| 3..... audition   | c. A group of people who play music.  |

**1. Check your understanding: true or false**

**Do this exercise while you listen.** Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | The boy wants to be in the band.              | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | He doesn't like singing.                      | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | He can't remember the song on the guitar.     | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | The boy is good at the drums.                 | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | The girl says she will call him the next day. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

## 2. Check your understanding: gap fill

**Do this exercise while you listen.** Complete the gaps with a phrase from the box.

band audition	I love music	I love singing
I can't remember	Yes, I can	I can play the guitar

Boy: Ah, band auditions. Great! I'd love to be in a band! ... Hi. Is this the \_\_\_\_\_?

Girl: Hello. Yes. So you'd like to be in our band?

Boy: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

Girl: Well, we need a singer, a guitarist and a drummer.

Boy: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_!

Girl: OK, so you can sing. Let's sing the beginning of this song ... Right, OK, mmm, maybe not. Can you play an instrument?

Boy: Er, well, \_\_\_\_\_ a little.

Girl: OK, let's hear you. What can you play? ... That's it?

Boy: Er, yeah. \_\_\_\_\_ any more.

Girl: Erm, can you play the drums?

Boy: Yeah, sure.

Girl: OK! OK! STOP! That's enough. Erm, what about the maracas? Can you play the maracas?

Boy: \_\_\_\_\_.

Girl: Great, great! Hmm ... thanks for coming. I'll call you next week.