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1 What types of music do you like? Discuss. Then listen and read. **074**

Bahrain has both **traditional** and modern music. Traditional music of Bahrain **includes** influences from different cultures' folk music, and it is usually **performed** just by men. You can find many **recordings** of the different types of Bahraini music.

Sawt music: This type of traditional music is very popular in Bahrain and Kuwait. *Sawt* means 'voice'. This music is played with an oud and accompanied by a variety of instruments.

This music is for special ceremonies and sometimes the men perform a dance too. Khaled El Sheikh is a famous Bahraini singer and oud player. He has written very popular **songs** and musical compositions for a number of plays dedicated to children.

Fijiri or Fjiri: This type of traditional music is also for men and is sung by pearl divers. A chorus accompanies the main singer with hand clapping and singing.

Liwa: This type of music is very common in Bahrain. A large number of men stand up in a circle and they are accompanied by several drum players. One person stays in the centre and plays an instrument called a *mizmar*.

Khaliji music: This type of music is also common in most Arabic countries. Khaliji music means Gulf music. A few of the Khaliji singers sing and **record** their songs in a local dialect of their country.

Modern music: Some Khaliji singers combine traditional and modern sounds. They like to **edit** folk music and **mix** it with modern music. People have different **opinions** of this music, but it is a big hit with many **fans**. They think this type of music is really **cool**, and they download electronic versions of the songs so they can listen to them at home.

Match the questions with their answers

1-What kinds of music does Bahrain have?.

2-Who usually performs traditional music in Bahrain?

3-What does Sawt mean?

Men usually perform traditional music

Sawt means "voice".

☒ Bahrain has traditional and modern music.

Read carefully then choose true or false .

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| 1. Traditional music in Bahrain is usually performed by women. | T | F |
| 2. Fijiri music is sung by pearl divers. | T | F |
| 3. Liwa music is performed by only one person. | T | F |
| 4. Khaliji music is common in most Arabic countries. | T | F |
| 5. Modern music mixes traditional and modern sounds. | T | F |