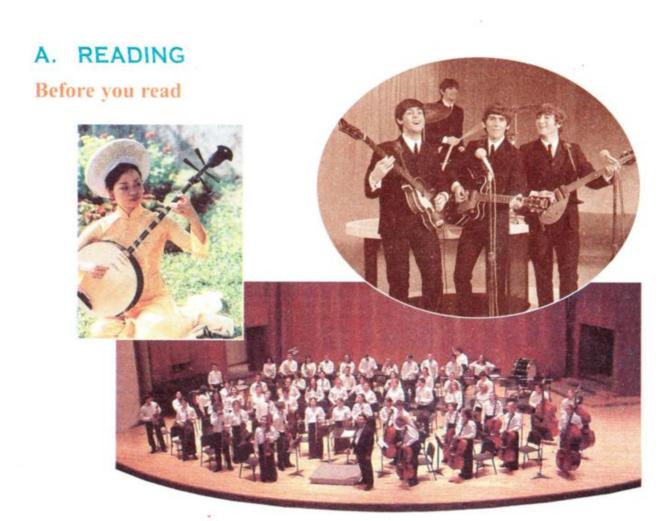
# Unit 12

# MUSIC



Work in pairs. Discuss and match each of the descriptions to a type of music.

Type of music	Description		
1. folk music 2. rock 'n' roll	a. serious and traditional Western European music b. traditional music of a country		
<ul><li>3. pop music</li><li>4. classical music</li><li>5. jazz</li></ul>	c. a combination of African and Western music d. modern music that is popular with young people e. a style of music with a strong and loud beat		

#### While you read

Read the passage and then do the tasks that follow.

There are two things that make humans different from all other animals. They are language and music. Music is clearly different from language. However, people can use it to communicate – especially their emotions. Like reading, writing and speaking, music can express ideas, thoughts and feelings. It can express one's anger, love, hate or friendship; it can also convey one's hopes and dreams.

Music is very much an integral part of our life. It is played during almost all important events and on special occasions and sets the tone for them. It adds joyfulness to the atmosphere of a festival and makes a funeral more solemn and mournful. Music lulls babies to sleep at night and wakes students up in the morning.

Above all, music entertains. It makes people happy and excited. It delights the senses. In fact, music as entertainment has always been a big business. It is a billion-dollar industry. It is difficult to imagine what our lives would be like without music.

Task 1. The words/phrases in the box below all appear in the reading passage. Use them to complete the sentences.

emotion	communicate	integral part solemn
lull	delights	mournful
	ow English, you can beaking world easily.	with people from the
2. Every night her to sleet		er daughter a fairy tale to
3. Nam's suc	cess at school	his parents.
4. He is an _	of the	team, we can't do without him.
5. The teache	er criticised him with	a expression on his face.
6. Like a lot	of men, he finds it h	nard to express his
7. With a uncle's de	T- 50.	k on his face, he told us about his

#### Task 2. Answer the questions.

- 1. What are the two things that make humans different from other animals?
- 2. Why is music a powerful means of communication?
- 3. How can music set the tone for events and special occasions?
- 4. How can music entertain?
- 5. Why has music always been a big business?

#### After you read

Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions below.

- 1. How many roles of music are mentioned in the text?
- 2. In your opinion, which of the roles of music is the most important?

#### B. SPEAKING

Task 1. Read what Ha Anh says about music.



"Yes, I love pop music. It keeps me happy. I really like the Backstreet Boys — they are easy to listen to. Their songs cheer me up whenever I feel bad. I listen to them all the time. I've got a Walkman so I can listen to music when I'm out. At home I always have the radio on and I watch pop programmes on TV."

Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1. What kind of music does Ha Anh like?
- 2. Why does she listen to it?
- 3. What is her favourite band?
- 4. When does she listen to music?

Task 2. Work in groups. Ask your partners questions to get information to complete the table below.

Example: kind of music

A: What kind of music do you like?

B: I like classical music.

A: Why do you like it?

B: Because it is relaxing.

	Partner 1	Partner 2
kind of music	classical music	
reasons for listening to music		
favourite band / musician		
favourite song / piece of music		1
when listen to music		

Task 3. Now report what you have found out about your partners.

Example: Both B and C like classical music. They like it because...

or: B likes classical music, but C prefers jazz.

### C. LISTENING

## Before you listen

Work in pairs. Look at the picture of Van Cao. Tell each other what you know about him.

	<ul> <li>Which of these songs were</li> </ul>	e written	by Va	n Cao?				
	1 Suoi Mo		4	Truong Ca Song Lo	)			
	2 Ha Noi Mua Thu		5	Lang Toi				
	3 Tien Quan Ca		6	Tinh Ca				
	• Listen and repeat.							
	sweet and gentle	rousing		exciting				
	boring	lyrical		solemn				
	• Which of the words above	can you	use to	describe Van Cao's 1	nusic?			
Whi	ile you listen							
喝	Task 1. Listen and then dec false (F).	ide wheth	ner the	statements are true	(T) or			
	1. The guest of the show is	Lan Huor	ng.		TF			
	Except for Van Cao, Quang Hung doesn't like any other Vietnamese musicians.							
	3. Quang Hung thinks some	of Van C	ao's n	nusic	46			
	is very sweet and gentle.							
	4. "Tien Quan Ca", the Vietr	nam Natio	onal A	nthem,				
	was written in 1954.							
	5. Quang Hung sometimes f	eels prou	d of h	is country,				
	Vietnam, when he hears t	he song.						
B	Task 2. Listen again and ans	wer the q	uestio	ns.				
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- 1. What is the name of the radio programme?
- 2. Which song by Van Cao does Quang Hung like most?
- 3. Why does Quang Hung like it?

# After you listen

Work in groups. Discuss Quang Hung's ideas about Van Cao's music. Do you agree or disagree with him?

#### D. WRITING

#### Writing a profile

Task 1. Work in pairs. Use the prompts below to make up complete sentences about Scott Joplin, a famous American musician.

#### Example:

Scott / born / Texas / 1886 /, / poor / but musical black family.

Scott was born in Texas in 1886, into a poor but musical black family.

- 1. He / learn / play / music / when / very young.
- Scott / learn / play / works / composers / Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart / as well as / compose / music.
- 3. He / quickly / become / famous.
- 4. His tunes / be / wonderful mixture / classical European and African beats / which / be / known as Ragtime.
- 5. All in all / he / write / 50 piano rags / , / and be / called / King of Ragtime.
- 6. Scott Joplin / die / 1917.

Task 2. Write about the life story of Van Cao, using the prompts below.

Name: Van Cao

Born: 15 - 11 - 1923

Place of birth: Nam Dinh

Family: poor workers

Start composing music: when very young

First song: 1939, quickly become famous

Tien Quan Ca (National Anthem): 1944

Artistic works: Songs, poems, paintings

Died: 10 - 7 - 1995

Known as a very talented musician and highly appreciated by the Vietnamese people

#### E. LANGUAGE FOCUS

• Pronunciation: /s/-/z/

• Grammar: 1. to + infinitive

2. Wh- questions

#### Pronunciation

Listen and repeat.

Sue said zoo please sip bus zip buzz piece price peas prize

- Practise these sentences.
- 1. Susan loves classical music.
- 2. I like to listen to jazz records.
- 3. My aunt likes to watch the film "The Sound of Music".
- 4. But my cousin prefers going to concerts.
- 5. He's won the first prize for singing folk songs.
- 6. I'd like a piece of bread and some peas, please.

#### Grammar

#### • to + infinitive

**Exercise 1.** Use the words in brackets to answer the questions.

Example: What do you listen to classical music for? (feel relaxed)

To feel relaxed, I listen to classical music. / I listen to classical music to feel relaxed.

- 1. What did you phone her for? (good news)
- 2. What are you saving money for? (a cassette player)
- 3. What does she practise singing all day for? (the singing contest)
- 4. What are you learning French for? (French songs)
- 5. What does the monitor always go to class on time for? (a good example for the class)

Example:

We're having a party \_\_\_\_\_\_ Ann's birthday.

We're having a party to celebrate Ann's birthday.

1. My father didn't have time \_\_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper.

2. I wish I had enough money \_\_\_\_\_ a new bicycle.

3. I went to the post office \_\_\_\_\_ a letter.

4. He telephoned \_\_\_\_\_ me to the party.

5. She's going to Britain \_\_\_\_\_ English.

#### Wh- questions

**Exercise 3.** Ask questions for the underlined words/phrases in the following sentences.

#### Example:

I often listen to music whenever I have free time.

When do you listen to music?

- 1. If it rains, I'll stay at home and watch TV.
- 2. My father enjoys listening to classical music.
- 3. He left for Ho Chi Minh City last week.
- 4. James wants to talk to you.
- 5. We spent the evening playing chess last night.
- 6. The film starts at 8:00 p.m.
- 7. My favourite musician is Beethoven.
- 8. I like pop music because it helps me relax.