

Music

Queste sono alcune parole che si riferiscono a strumenti musicali. Ti possono essere utili per leggere e capire il brano. Abbina le parole inglesi alla loro traduzione italiana.

instruments	tastiera
drums	sassofono
piano	strumenti musicali
harpsichord	violino
organ	pianoforte
trumpet	organo
saxophone	tamburo
violin	tromba
keyboard	chitarra
guitar	arpa

Kinds of music

Music is for many people an important part of life. In particular, music has always played an important role in life for teens. It is often an element of great significance in their world. There are a lot of different kinds of music. Here are the most popular and famous ones:

Classical music

Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin... These are among the most famous names in classical music. It is a complex form of music... The instruments used in most classical music were invented before the 19th century. They are the typical instruments in an orchestra, like the string and the brass. There are also solo instruments like the piano, the harpsichord and organ.

Pop music

Pop music is defined a kind of commercial music. It is often oriented towards a youth market and it usually consists of songs that are relatively short and simple. Rock and roll, dance music and other forms, all belong to pop music.

Hip Hop

It is linked with hip hop culture and it has a strong influence from Jamaican music. It originates in African American and West African music.

Jazz

It is characterized by strong and complex rhythms. The most important instruments in jazz are the trumpet, the saxophone and the violin.



Rock music

It originates in the 1950s in the “rock and roll” era. The king of Rock and Roll was Elvis Presley. It uses drums, keyboards, and electric guitars. This type of music has several subgenres, for example: hard rock and heavy metal.

Techno music

It is a kind of music which became popular at the end of 1980s. It is an electronic dance music and it is based on fast beats.

1 Scrivi il nome del genere di musica che corrisponde a queste definizioni.

1. It has a strong influence from Jamaican music. It originates in African American and West African music.
2. It is an electronic dance music.
3. The King of this kind of music was Elvis Presley.
4. It is characterized by complex rhythms. Its most important instruments are the trumpet and the saxophone.
5. It is a commercial form of music. Young people like it more than any other form of music.
6. The instruments used were invented before the 19th century.

2 Write the names...

1. ... of the new trends in the 1970s in England.
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2. ... of the most famous British singers.
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3. ... of famous American singers.
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4. ... of famous Italian singers.
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3 Speaking: work in pairs. Discuss with a partner about music: answer the following questions.

What is your favourite kind of music? Who are your favourite singers? What kind of music do they play?



UK and USA Music

Over the last thirty years British pop music has played an important role in the world of music starting new trends like punk music in the 1970s with bands such as the Sex Pistols and The Clash, and the rebirth of heavy metal with bands such as Motorhead and Iron Maiden. The most famous British singers and composers are the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Elton John, George Michael and The Spice Girls. They all belong to the pop world. The United States has produced even more popular musicians and composers than the UK. Since the birth of recorded music American singers have been predominant and very influential in the field of popular music. Among the big names stars: Elvis Presley, Madonna, Michael Jackson...