

# Can you imagine the world without music?

1. Look at the photos and describe what you can see.



2. Discuss the questions.

- What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?
- Do you prefer going to live concerts or watching concerts online/on TV?
- Do you play or have you ever wanted to play an instrument?
- How often do you listen to music? Is music just a pastime for you, or more than that?

3. Read the adjectives in the box. Do you know any of them?

calming

distracting

energising

entertaining

entrancing

moving

relaxing

saddening

unsettling

uplifting

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## 4. Match the adjectives in the box in ex. 3 to their meanings below.

MEANINGS:

- making someone feel more relaxed and less emotional: *calming*
- causing worry or anxiety:
- making someone feel full of energy or enthusiasm:
- making someone feel better:
- making someone feel emotional:
- preventing someone from concentrating on something:
- pleasant and making someone feel less stressed:
- funny and enjoyable:
- making someone feel sad:
- beautiful or impressive in a way that it takes all of someone's attention and they can't stop listening to or watching it:

## 5. Choose the most suitable adjectives in these sentences.

- One of the documentary's many *unsettling/calming* images is of a child playing with his father's gun.
- People love charming and *energizing/uplifting* love stories with happy endings.
- Everyone went silent when the room filled with the *distracting/entrancing* music.
- The actors could feel that it was a deeply *moving/relaxing* experience for the audience.
- Taking long, deep breaths can have a *calming/unsettling* effect and reduce stress.

## 6. Read the quote below and answer the questions.

*"Music is a language that doesn't speak in particular words.  
It speaks in emotions."* Keith Richards

- Do you agree with the quote? How does music make you feel?
- What kind of music do you find (a) calming, (b) energising, (c) entertaining?



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7. Watch a short [video](https://youtu.be/yFckWsYqvnk) [https://youtu.be/yFckWsYqvnk] and answer the questions.

- Who are the people in the video?
- Where are they?
- What are they talking about?

8. Watch the [video](#) again and write down four effects that music has, according to the speakers.

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9. Discuss the questions.

- Can you imagine the world without music?
- What role does music play in your life?
- Does any particular piece of music bring back memories of certain events, experiences or periods in your life to you?
- What emotions may watching a live concert in a concert hall evoke in people, compared to watching it at home alone?

## GLOSSARY

*unfathomable*: impossible to understand

*solace*: help and comfort when you are feeling sad or worried