



New Music

Conversation > Advanced 7



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

riff	A short series of chords.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I think I'm ready to start learning some basic guitar riffs.</i>

beat	A regular movement or sound.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I love the beat of this song.</i>

debut	To appear or perform publicly for the first time.
[verb]	<i>Ex: The third season of the TV series will debut on December 20th.</i>

EP	An extended play (longer than a single, but not long enough to qualify as an album).
[noun]	<i>Ex: The album consists of songs from the band's first two self-released EPs.</i>



repetition	Doing the same thing many times.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Repetition is the only way to improve one's musical skills.</i>

lyrics	The words of a song.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The beat is kind of catchy, but the lyrics are terrible.</i>

record	To make a permanent copy of a sound, image, etc.
[verb]	<i>Ex: I record a lot of television shows.</i>

intricacy	The quality of having complex detail.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The engineer explained the intricacy of the problem.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

David: To be honest, I was worried that I would have to pretend to like your music. But this is really good!

Joe: It's my first attempt at an EP, so I was somewhat nervous about playing it for you.

David: I like the intricacy of the different riffs you have layered on top of each other. Did you record this?

Joe: Yeah, I bought some decent equipment and recorded it all on my computer.

David: The beat is really satisfying as well. You don't own drums, how did you do that?

Joe: I used my computer. It's just a repetition of a standard rock beat that I changed a little bit.

David: So, are you actually going to release it as an EP?

Joe: Once I have done some more work on it, yeah.



David: When will it debut?

Joe: I want it to come out just before Christmas. That way I have a little bit more time to improve the single.

David: Is that what we're listening to now?

Joe: Yeah, what do you think of it?

David: I can't hear the lyrics. The singing is a little too quiet.

Joe: I think that might be because I'm still not a very confident singer.

David: But you have a great voice! I'd love to hear the final result.

Joe: Maybe I'll re-record the vocals. I'll keep you updated. Thanks for the feedback!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

beat

intricacies

record

riffs

lyrics

Repetition

EP

debut

1. Let's _____ a song together. I have all of the equipment needed.
2. They danced to the _____ of the drums.
3. The guitar _____ are too advanced for me. I need to practice more.
4. _____ is the key, trust me. Practice makes perfect!
5. She made her professional stage _____ in New York.
6. I can't understand the _____ of this song.
7. No one could understand all the _____ of the deal.
8. She's releasing an _____ soon. Stay tuned!



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You are about to publish a new song, talk to your friend Kate about it. Get some feedback from her. The teacher can be Kate.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you like music? Why? Why not?
2. What kind of music do you listen to most often?
3. Have you listened to any band's/artist's whole discography?
4. Do you like classical music? Why? Why not?
5. Why do you think some people dislike classical music?