

Talking About Favorite Bands

Vocabulary

Repeat each vocabulary word and definition after the teacher

- **Singer** The person who sings for a band, especially professionally
 - **Voice** The sound that comes out of your throat when you speak or sing
 - **Popular** Admired by a lot of people
 - **Really rocks** Really admired, loved (slang)
 - **Wailing** Long high-pitched sound, often the best singers “wail” on long notes, such as Paul Rodgers, Janis Joplin, and Aretha Franklin
 - **Play at a festival** To be included in a series of concerts that take place over a few days in the same place, such as Woodstock or Lollapalooza
 - **SoCal** Southern California (slang)
 - **Really killed it** Were so cool and were a hit with the audience (slang)
 - **Solo albums** Records that band members make on their own, usually the lead singer after the band breaks up
 - **Broke up** When a band stops recording and touring together, usually over personal disagreements or arguments
 - **Didju** Did you (pronounced quickly)
 - **Dunno** Don't know (pronounced quickly)
 - **Gotta** Got to (pronounced quickly)
 - **Oooooo** Excited sound you make when you're surprised
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Dialogue

Read the dialogue with the teacher, and then switch roles

- A:** Hey who's that band that you're listening to? They're really good and I like the **singer's voice!**
- B:** This is Bad Company, a band from the 1970s, one of my favorites!
- A:** Who's the **singer**?
- B:** Paul Rodgers, you know he was also the singer for Free and later for Queen?
- A:** Queen? Wasn't Freddy Mercury the singer? He's one of my favorites too.
- B:** Yeah, he was the singer, but after he died Paul took over. Someone had to sing for them. You know, Paul almost became the singer for The Doors when Jim Morrison died also? I **don't know** why he didn't, but it was so cool to learn.
- A:** What's the name of this song you're listening to now?
- B:** "Can't get enough". They also have **popular** songs like "Bad Company", "Burnin' Sky", and "Run with the Pack". Who are some of your favorite bands? Who **really rocks** for you?
- A:** Me? I really like U2, Pearl Jam, and Audioslave.
- B:** **Oooooo**, those are some good choices! I really like them too. **Did you** ever see any of them in concert?
- A:** I saw Pearl Jam in New York a few years back. Seeing Eddie Vedder **wailing** is always worth the money! **Did you** see any of those bands in concert either?
- B:** Sure, I saw Audioslave when they **played at a festival** in **SoCal**. Those guys **really killed it!** It's too bad they **broke up** though, now it's just Chris Cornell recording **solo albums**.
- A:** Oh yeah! I heard about that too. Well, it was good seeing you! I **gotta** get back to work.
- B:** See ya man! Later!

Checking Understanding

1. Who's the band that the first person is listening to?
2. What are some of the other famous bands that the lead singer was also in?
3. Who are some of the favorite bands of the second person?
4. Where did they see some of the bands in concert?
5. Which band did they talk about that broke up?
6. How to pronounce “ Did you” quickly?
7. How to pronounce “Don't know” quickly?
8. How to pronounce “Got to” quickly?
9. What's an excited sound you make when you're surprised?

Conversation Questions

Take turns asking the questions with your teacher, and if there's any time left over you can free chat

- Who are some of your favorite bands?
- Do you like rock music?
- How do you find new music to listen to? The radio? MTV? Youtube?
- Can you play the guitar? The piano? Drums?
- If you don't play any instruments do you wish you could?
- Who's someone in music that you really admire?
- What are some of your favorite songs?
- What's a song that makes you emotional when you listen to it?
- Do you think that you could live without any music?
- Do you know any professional musicians?
- Have you ever been to any large concerts? Who did you go see?
- Do you like Bad Company, Free, Queen, U2, Pearl Jam, or System of a Down?
- Who are some bands that you'd recommend to your teacher to listen to?
- Do you think that music lately isn't as good as it used to be?
- Do you only listen to current music? What about music from 20 years ago? 50 years ago?
- Do you like electronic music? Who's your favorite DJ?
- Do you wish you were a DJ?