

Music



Music means a lot to most people. We are surrounded by music; in the supermarket, on the bus, at work and at home. Can you imagine life without it? Do you prefer to listen to classical music, or is pop/rock music your cup of tea? How does your taste in music reflect your personal life-style? Do you ever go to live concerts, play an instrument or sing in a choir?

*Your task is **either** to write a text about a specific musical memory (**Topic 1**) or to discuss what effects music can have (**Topic 2**). Write as much as you can but make sure you have time to go through what you have written.*

*You have **60 minutes** to write **either** Topic 1 or Topic 2.*



Topic 1

Most people have memories linked to certain songs or tunes. When you hear them, they remind you of people, places, events and/or feelings. Write about a specific musical memory and why it is so important to you.

Title: *A Musical Memory*



Topic 2

Certain rock groups are very provocative, both in appearance and in their lyrics. In what way do you think these groups influence people? Can certain types of music carry a political or an ideological message? Classical music is often considered relaxing or comforting. Dance or pop music might be what you want to listen to at other times—all depending on your mood. Discuss what effects music can have on people.

Title: *The Power of Music*