



**One minute talk challenge.**  
**Students pick a card and have to talk on the topic for 1 minute.**

## Conversation cards

What's your favourite kind of music?

Can you play a musical instrument?  
If so, which one?

How often do you listen to music?

Have you ever been to a concert or live show?  
Talk about it.

Have you ever sung karaoke?  
Did you like it?

Do you like to sing?  
Why (not)?

How many CDs do you have?  
What's your favourite?

Do you have an MP3-player?  
How often do you use it?

Have you ever downloaded music from the Internet?  
Why?

Do you prefer music in English or in your own language? Why?

Which musician or band would you most like to meet? Why?

Do you ever listen to loud music? When?

Can you dance?  
What's your favourite dance?

Do you listen to music on the radio? What's your favourite radio station?

When you listen to music, do you try to understand the words (lyrics)?

Would you like to be a famous singer? Why?

What's your favourite singer? Why do you like him or her?

What's your favourite band? Why do you like it?

Task 2. Two-minute talk challenge:

Here are some quotes on music from famous people:

“One good thing  
about music,  
when it hits  
you, you  
feel no pain.”

Bob Marley

“Music  
is my  
religion.”

Jimi Hendrix

“Music is the last true voice of the human spirit. It can go beyond language, beyond age, and beyond color straight to the mind and heart of all people.”

Ben Harper

“Music can change the world because it can change people.”

Bono

Task 3. Study the opinion below and try to guess the meaning:

1. "I like the new Madonna hit. It has a catchy melody."
2. "Their latest single always gets me in an energetic mood. It has a fast tempo."
3. "I can't stand the new Ricky Martin song. It's very cheesy."
4. "I never get bored of listening to Yesterday by the Beatles. It's a timeless classic."
5. "I used to listen to this song a lot in my childhood. It brings back memories."
6. "They were playing the song in every bar, cafe and nightclub. It was a smash hit."

#### Task 4. Which expression describes a song that ...

1. never goes out of fashion?
2. tries too hard to be emotional and is not very original?
3. is very memorable and makes you repeat the tune in your head all the time?
4. is unusually successful and popular everywhere?
5. has an energetic beat?
6. is nostalgic?

#### Task 5. Music idioms

In pairs, study the underlined idioms below. Match them to the definitions.

1. Mark wanted to quit his job, but after he was offered a higher salary, he changed his tune very quickly. (c)
2. Charlotte hardly studied at all. She will have to face the music when the exam results are posted. (d)
3. We don't have a plan. We'll just have to play it by ear. (e)
4. The news that Spain won the world cup, was music to my ears. (g)
5. I can't remember his face, but his name rings a bell. (f)
6. We know you're a successful writer now. There's no need to blow your own trumpet all the time. (b)
7. This recipe definitely needs some fine tuning in order to make a delicious cake. (a)

- a. adjustment
- b. boast
- c. changed his mind
- d. deal with a difficult situation/accept the unpleasant consequences of your actions
- e. deal with a situation as it develops
- f. is somewhere in my memory (but not very clear)
- g. very pleasant to hear

Task 6. Listen to the song and fill in the gaps with the most suitable word:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcQwIxRcaYs>



*Jason Mraz*

93 million miles from the \_\_\_\_\_ (sun)  
People get ready, get ready  
Cause here it \_\_\_\_\_, it's a light (comes)  
A beautiful light, over the horizon  
Into your \_\_\_\_\_ (eyes)  
Oh, my my how beautiful  
Oh my beautiful mother  
She \_\_\_\_\_ me, son in life you're gonna go far (told)  
If you do it right, you'll love where you are

Just know, wherever you go  
 You can \_\_\_\_\_ come home (always)  
 240 thousand miles from the \_\_\_\_\_ (moon)  
 We've come a long way to belong here  
 To share this view of the \_\_\_\_\_ (night)  
 A glorious night  
 Over the horizon is another bright sky  
 Oh my my how beautiful, oh my irrefutable \_\_\_\_\_ (father)  
 He told me, son \_\_\_\_\_ it may seem dark (sometimes)  
 But the absence of the light is a necessary part  
 Just know, you're \_\_\_\_\_ alone, you can always come back home (never)  
 Home, Home  
 You can \_\_\_\_\_ come back (always)  
 Every road is a slippery slope  
 But there is always a hand that you can hold on to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ deeper through the telescope (looking)  
 You can \_\_\_\_\_ that your home's inside of you (see)  
 Just know, that wherever you go, no you're never alone, you will \_\_\_\_\_ get back home (always)  
 Home, Home, Home, Ohhh  
 93 million miles from the \_\_\_\_\_ (sun)  
 People get ready, get ready  
 Cause here it \_\_\_\_\_, it's a light (comes)  
 A beautiful light, over the horizon  
 Into our \_\_\_\_\_ (eye)

Task 7. Listen to the song one more time but this time with the lyrics and check yourself:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5WiqJFq2-o>

#### Task 8. **Reading Comprehension**

- 1) What does the song talk about?
- 2) What's is the most used verb tense ? Give examples.
- 3) Can you see adjectives on the song? If so, say 2 examples.
- 4) Tell 2 places you can identify on the lyrics.
- 5) Say 3 examples of adverbs of time.
- 6) What verb is in past tense?

7) *Say the only example in present perfect tense.*

8) *According to the father's words, where is the singer's home?*

9) *And for you? Where is your home?*

10) *What do you think of the song? Do you like it?*

Task 9. Do you agree with the statement that music can unite the world. Watch the great example of it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JozAmXo2bDE>