

Mixer #74 – Favorite Music

Listen to six people talk about their preferences in music.

1) What does Jeff mention about music?

- a) Situations when he listens
- b) His favorite band
- c) Music he does not like

2) What does Shibika love to listen to?

- a) Rap and Hip-hop
- b) English podcasts
- c) Indian music

3) What is Fred's favorite music?

- a) Blues
- b) Jazz
- c) Folk

4) What does Lupe have?

- a) Favorite genres
- b) Favorite singers
- c) Favorite songs

5) What does Rebecca prefer?

- a) Live music
- b) Local radio
- c) Classic rock

6) What does Swinki like to listen to?

- a) The sounds of weather
- b) The sounds of whales
- c) Only R&B and hip-hop



Transcript

Jeff, Canada

What kind of music do I listen to? I listen to all kinds of music, every **genre** of music I have and the type of music I listen to depends on the type of **mood** I'm in, so if it's night time and I want to relax, I listen to classical. If I'm doing work, I want to listen to something **mellow** or if I'm exercising, I listen to something more upbeat so I love all kinds of music and it just depends on my mood.



Shibika, India

I like listening to Indian music in fact, all kinds of Indian music, and I like listening to English music as well but I don't prefer to listen to rap.



Fred, Canada

My favorite music would have to be jazz. I love jazz from the bottom of my heart. I think it's music that suits me. It really **brings out** so many great emotions in me. It's also a way for me to relax and just enjoy my time and I just really love it. It makes me feel good.



Lupe, United States / Mexico

I'm a music lover so when people ask me what my favorite type of music is I really never have a **straight answer**. I love to listen to all types of music and I love listening to Spanish music, English Music. I have favorite singers, not necessarily a favorite genre. I really listen to whatever I'm in the mood for. If I'm going out I love fast music so that I can dance. If I just want to relax, I'll listen maybe to a little bit of jazz, blues, or just **lounging** music.



Rebecca, Australia

What kind of music do I like? The music I like best is the bands that play live in the pubs. Generally, they are really good to go and watch. We have a lot of bands come through my town where I live. Generally every Saturday night we go to a band and watch it. It's better than listening to it on the radio.



Swinky, Kenya

What kind of music do I like? My **tastes** are so diverse. I can't really point out what kind of music I like but I'm more inclined to R&B and you know nature music, like listening to whales listening to each other and I also like Bollywood music and reggae, some styles of reggae are really enjoyable.



Vocabulary

genre

Here, the word genre is similar in meaning to 'kind'. We use it to talk about types of art, music, writing and movies.

mood

Your 'mood' is the general way you are feeling at the moment.

- When everything goes wrong during my day, it puts me in a bad mood.
- My kids get along well, as long as both of them are in a good mood.

mellow

In music, the term mellow means soft and relaxing. Notice the following:

- I listen to mellow music in the morning.
- Do you enjoy mellow music?

brings out

The phrasal verb 'bring out' is used when someone or something that causes things to appear.

- Politics brings out the worst in people.
- I try to bring out the best in my students.

a straight answer

Here, the word straight means the same as 'clear', but it can also mean truthful.

- He never gave the police a straight answer.
- Stop telling stories and just give me a straight answer!

lounging

The word 'lounging' means to pass time in a lazy or relaxed way.

- We spent the weekend lounging around in our pajamas.
- My perfect vacation is one where I can just lounge by the pool all day.

taste

Personal tastes are the kinds of things we tend to like or prefer. Notice the following:

- She has great taste in clothes.
- My dad says I have poor taste in music.

Vocabulary Quiz

mood • mellow • bring out • straight • taste

1. He has a very unique _____ in music.
2. When he's in a good _____, he's always making jokes.
3. It's difficult to trust someone if you don't feel like he is giving you a _____ answer.
4. These injustices really _____ a lot of outrage.
5. I have one cat who is really _____ and one who has a lot of energy.