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Vocal Music

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S3 Homework

Types of Voices :



Female

Soprano (high)

Mezzo soprano (medium)

Alto (low)

Male

Tenor (high)

Baritone (medium)

Bass (low)



Name a famous Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass singer.

Soprano: _____

Tenor: _____

Alto: _____

Bass: _____

Renaissance

If we go really far back into the history of music we see that vocal music has always been very popular. In the **Renaissance period** (1600-1750) quite a lot of vocal music was sung in church. It could be sung in **unison** or **harmony**.

What do Unison and Harmony mean?

Unison: _____

Harmony: _____



Vocal music was mostly performed by **choirs** with a few **solo** singers. In the Renaissance period lots of vocal pieces were performed without instruments. Performing with no musical instruments along with voices means the music is **unaccompanied**.

What is the special term used to describe **unaccompanied singing**? _____

Baroque



In the Baroque period vocal music changed and lots more instruments were added to decorate the music.

What is the concept used to describe a **singer who has instruments playing with them**?

Classical

In the classical period vocal music began to be more virtuoso. A Virtuoso is a word which means that they are a really talented performer. A Virtuoso likes to show off and sing on their own.



What concept describes a **singer performing on their own**? _____

Popular Music

The majority of popular music that people have listened to over the past 100 years has had a vocal element.

Jazz music was a very popular style of vocal music. As well as being upbeat and fun to sing it also gave the singer more freedom of expression.

Improvisation was very important in jazz singing. What does improvisation mean?

Improvisation: _____

Scat singing is a style of improvised vocal music. A player will make up nonsense words to accompany a piece of Jazz music. Which famous American singer was known as the 'Queen of Jazz' or 'Lady Ella' because of her incredible voice and ability to scat sing? _____



Alongside Jazz music, Gospel music is very much a vocal style of music.

Gospel music comes from African origins. It has religious lyrics which praise God. Most often in Gospel music there is a soloist imitated by a choir. What does imitation mean?

Imitation: _____

Most Rock and Pop groups have singers or vocalists. Traditionally in a pop group there are lead vocals and backing vocals.

What is the job of the **lead singer**? _____

What is the job of the **backing singers**? _____



Hip hop is a style of music which does not feature traditional singing. Rapping and beat boxing are all elements of hip hop music

What is **rapping**? _____

Although peoples taste in vocal music have changed over 100 years, one very vocal style has remained popular.

Musicals are stage productions where the majority of the dialogue is sung. They feature elaborate sets, solos, duets, chorus songs, costumes and dancing.

Name 5 musicals:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

