

Read the text about New Orleans, where jazz music was born, and do the exercises that follow.

PART ONE

READING

New Orleans and Jazz

New Orleans has been called “the home of jazz”. Jazz had its roots in the music of black Americans, who used to have bands in street parades and funeral processions. Even now the people of New Orleans are always keen to celebrate everything with music. Jazz began to be played in the 1890s, and New Orleans has a jazz museum. Some of the great jazz musicians come from New Orleans, including Louis Armstrong, whom many people believe was the greatest jazz musician in the world.

New Orleans is a place where you can hear music in the streets and on the river, as riverboats also have jazz musicians on board. Passengers can enjoy the local cuisine (shrimps, prawns, and other seafood) while listening to jazz.

In February there is a huge carnival called Mardi Gras, which everyone celebrates in the streets. This ends in a colourful procession and lots of jazz music. Whatever type of jazz you like, you can probably hear it in New Orleans which is also known as the Big Easy.

Jazz has different rhythms from other types of music, and is very different because musicians “play” with the music. You are unlikely to hear the same piece of music played in exactly the same way twice.

You can't avoid jazz in New Orleans, so don't visit if you don't like it!

1. Choose the best answer.

1. Jazz first came from _____
 - a. New Orleans processions
 - b. black American bands
 - c. the jazz museum
2. In New Orleans, you can hear jazz playing when you are _____
 - a. on the water and in the streets
 - b. at sea
 - c. cooking shrimps
3. The: “Big Easy” is _____
 - a. a huge colourful procession
 - b. a type of jazz
 - c. another name for New Orleans

4. Jazz is not like other types of music because _____

- a. you can't avoid it b. each piece sounds different each time you hear it c. its rhythms keep changing.

2. Answer the following questions.

1. Where did the black American bands use to play?

2. When was jazz first played?

3. What local food is served on the riverboats?

4. What is the Mardi Gras?

5. Why might some people not want to visit New Orleans?

6. What would you enjoy most, if you were at the Mardi Gras festival?

PART TWO

VOCABULARY

Complete the text with the following words.

mural exhibition paintings gallery portrait painter concert hall

This year I'm going on lots of trips with my school. Last month we went to a/an _____ about local artists. And next week we're going to look round a _____ to look at pictures. We've never seen any _____ by famous artists before, so we're very excited. Our teacher says there'll be a _____ there, too, who does pictures of people. And we'll get a chance to paint a bit of a _____ on one of the walls! So visitors will see it in the future. Then we're going to a big _____ to listen to some music. Brilliant!

PART THREE

LANGUAGE FOCUS

1. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the Present Perfect Simple.

1. Susanne _____ (eat) all of the cake!
2. My parents _____ (not **come**) yet, so we can't start dinner without them.
3. _____ (anyone / **see**) my black jacket? I can't find it.
4. Somebody _____ (**steal**) my mobile phone! It isn't in my bag.
5. Laura _____ (not **write**) to me for three months. Have you heard from her?
6. They _____ (leave) for Paris, but they _____ (not arrive) yet.
7. How long _____ (you/**know**) your best friend, Annie?
8. John _____ (break) Mum's vase. She'll be very upset.

2. Read the following text and find the mistakes. There are 7 mistakes all related with the use of the Present Perfect Simple. First underline the mistakes and then correct them.

Sam and Mary have never gone to England. They have always wanted to, but they hasn't had the opportunity already. Sam has been to Paris and he loved it. Mary has gone to Rome and she wants to go again. Now they have been to India and they are having a great time. They've just seen a lot of interesting places, and they've only been there since four days.

1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____

5: _____ 6: _____ 7: _____

PART FOUR

WRITING

Write a paragraph about MUSIC. The following notes can help you.

- * the importance of music in our life.
- *reasons why people listen to music
- *kinds of music
- *people’s feelings while listening to music.

***The answers will be sent to you soon. GOOD LUCK !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**