Overview

Watch the video podcast. Which opinions do you share with the people here?

1 Watch Natalie's introduction to the video podcast from 0:00 to 0:30 and complete each space with ONE preposition.

I love listening ^{1} __to__ music and I spend lots ^{2}_____ my free time ^{3}_____ concerts. I try to listen ^{4}_____ new music as well as things that I've liked ^{5}_____ years. And I go to music festivals ^{6}_____ the summer. Today I'm talking ^{7}_____ people about trends ^{8}_____ music and fashion. Are you interested ^{9}_____ music and fashion?

Natalie

2 Look at the list of types of music in the box. Then watch the video podcast from 0:30 to 3:23 and tick the types you hear.

opera ✓	classical	reggae	electronic	heavy metal	acid jazz
country and western		stage music	punk rock	soul	dubstep	hair bands
	rock	club music	R&B	hip hop	indie	electro

Glossary: *dubstep* = UK genre of electronic music with prominent drum and bass patterns; *hair bands* = heavy metal/glam rock bands (commonly from the 1980s); *R&B* = rhythm and blues

3 *Are they interested in music and fashion?* Look at the people and read the summaries below. Then watch the video podcast from 0:30 to 2:11 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each summary.

1 Ethan

He likes old Hollywood style music from the 1920s to the 1940s. __F__

2 Heather

She much prefers music to fashion and is involved in both listening to music, and singing and playing it. _____

3 Lucy

She has a fairly eclectic taste in fashion. _____

4 Louisa

She's more into music and loves going to the Metropolitan Opera whenever possible. _____

5 Damien

He composes music, designs his own clothes and is a music producer. _____

6 Vanessa

She comes from Oklahoma and grew up loving country and western music. _____

Glossary: *eclectic* = a mixture of many different things/styles; *be into s.th* = be very interested in s.th (inf)

4 *Tell me about a music trend or style that you love or hate.* Look at the people and read extracts from their answers below. Then watch the video podcast from 2:11 to 3:23 and complete the extracts with phrases a)–h).

A Damien

I've [1] _a)_ a lot of dubstep recently. It's a really good genre that's, it's not recent now 'cause it's been played out but it started in the early 2000, year 2000 by, Skream and Benga [2]___ .

B Sara

I like the 1980s' 'hair bands' like Metallica, AC/DC, [3]____ .

C Tom

At the moment I love this club music that I like [4]___ which is, sort of, comes from acid jazz and the [5]___ Ibiza and that, which is a bit 'old hat' now possibly …

D Amardeep

… he's been around [6]___ and then you've got people like Rihanna who bring a character [7]___, like, a good look to [8]___ .

a) been producing
b) stuff like that
c) to dance to
d) as well as
e) the music industry
f) who pioneered the genre
g) good side of
h) since the 1990s

Glossary: *old hat* = old-fashioned (inf)

5 *Tell me about a fashion trend that you love or hate.* **Look at the people below and read answers 1–8. Then watch the video podcast from 3:23 to 4:48 and match the people to their answers. There are TWO extra answers.**

A Circe

B Ethan

C Julianna

D Lucy

1 She doesn't like huge baggy pants. _____A_____

2 She prefers bright clothes so is not a fan of dark, rocker style clothes. _____

3 At the moment, he likes bright, colourful clothes which bring out his personality. _____

4 She's not keen on the current revival of 1980s style clothes, such as skinny jeans, which don't suit many people. _____

5 She likes close-fitting summer dresses that come to her knees and don't stick out. _____

6 He's a very big fan of formal clothes like suits and tuxedos. _____

7 She likes to wear clothes with big colourful patterns and mix them with clothes that normally don't match. _____

Glossary: *baggy* = very loose; *skinny jeans* = very tight jeans; *stick out* = the opposite of lie flat; *tuxedo (Am Eng)* = dinner jacket

The way we speak

6 **Look at the people below and read their answers. Notice the words and phrases which often occur in American English and pay attention to the words in italics. Then watch the video podcast from 1:23 to 2:11 again and cross out the words in italics they DON'T say.**

A **Circe:** Well, I really like rock music more than anything. I know it's becoming really popular right now, electronic music, there's a lot of DJs – um, people who are [1]*kind of* basing their entire sound just on, [2]*like*, they're on stage with a laptop,[3]*you know*, I just I don't get that. I need, [4]*like*, tangible instruments and um, people playing, [5]*like*, just some rock and [6]*kind of* hard stuff.

B **Vanessa:** I just like all different kinds. I'm not really big on, [7]*like*, country and western type music because I come from Oklahoma, [8]*you know*, so that's really [9]*kind of* prevalent, so I grew up [10]*like* getting sick of it, but I like a lot of [11]*like* different kinds of things. I've been seeing [12]*like* a lot of musicals since I've been here.

Glossary: *(not) get that* = (not) understand that; *be big on* = like s.th very much; *get sick of* = get tired of

Personalisation

7 Write a paragraph about your attitudes to music and fashion. Use Natalie's questions and the language from the podcast to help you.

- Are you interested in music and fashion? Do you have a preference?
- Is there a music trend or style that you love or hate? What is it and why?
- Is there a fashion trend that you love or hate? What is it and why?

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