

Music

PART 1 – Ashlie & Stephen

Ex. 1 Watch two short films about Ashlie's band and their rehearsal in recording studio. Prepare to talk about what happened during the rehearsal and the performance.

Music Scene 1

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english/video-series/word-on-the-street/music/music-scene-1>

1. Where were Ashlie and Stephen at the beginning of the video?
2. What were they talking about?
3. What did Stephen want to do?
4. What qualities about himself did Stephen mention to Ashlie?
5. What was going on in recording studio?
6. Did Teri and Stephen turn out to be helpful?
7. How good were the girls during singing?
8. Why couldn't Stephen join a band?

Music Scene 2

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english/video-series/word-on-the-street/music/music-scene-2>

1. What were Stephen and Ashlie doing at the beginning of this video?
2. Why couldn't Stephen stay to watch the gig?
3. How did Ashlie and her band feel before their first live performance?
4. What did they expect to see in their dressing room? What was the reality?
5. Did the janitor expect them? What was his reaction?
6. Did the performance go well?
7. What was Stephen doing in Covent Garden?
8. Who joined him?

PART 2 – Live music

Ex. 2 Watch the video and prepare answers to the questions below.

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english/video-series/word-on-the-street/music/live-music>

1. What is the Reading Festival?
2. What kind of music does British Sea Power play?
3. What is the atmosphere like at a music festival?
4. What do you need to bring with you when you come to a festival?
5. Why is it important to remember where your tent is?
6. Why have fans come to the Reading Festival?
7. What's it like to perform at a music festival for a guitarist from the band?
8. Is the guitarist nervous before going on stage?

Glossary:

- listen to something through headphones
- catchy
- make up one's mind
- play a musical instrument (play the drums / the guitar / the piano/ the violin)
- to rehearse
- make noise
- live music
- do a gig
- be mad at somebody
- play live
- dressing room
- the height of (the music festival season)
- perform to huge crowds (in the open air)
- stay overnight
- come in handy
- unpredictable (weather)
- waterproofs
- wellies
- wicked time
- go on stage