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Can you imagine the world without music?

1. **Look at the photos and describe what you can see.**

2. **Discuss the questions.**
   - What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?
   - Do you prefer going to live concerts or watching concerts online/on TV?
   - Do you play or have you ever wanted to play an instrument?
   - How often do you listen to music? Is music just a pastime for you, or more than that?

3. **Read the adjectives in the box. Do you know any of them?**

calming	distracting	energising	entertaining
entrancing	moving	relaxing	saddening
	unsettling	uplifting	

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4. **Match the adjectives in the box in ex. 3 to their meanings below.**

   MEANINGS:

   - making someone feel more relaxed and less emotional: *calming*
   - causing worry or anxiety:
   - making someone feel full of energy or enthusiasm:
   - making someone feel better:
   - making someone feel emotional:
   - preventing someone from concentrating on something:
   - pleasant and making someone feel less stressed:
   - funny and enjoyable:
   - making someone feel sad:
   - beautiful or impressive in a way that it takes all of someone's attention and they can't stop listening to or watching it:

5. **Choose the most suitable adjectives in these sentences.**

   - One of the documentary's many *unsettling/calming* images is of a child playing with his father's gun.
   - People love charming and *energizing/uplifting* love stories with happy endings.
   - Everyone went silent when the room filled with the *distracting/entrancing* music.
   - The actors could feel that it was a deeply *moving/relaxing* experience for the audience.
   - Taking long, deep breaths can have a *calming/unsettling* effect and reduce stress.

6. **Read the quote below and answer the questions.**

   "*Music is a language that doesn't speak in particular words. It speaks in emotions.*" Keith Richards

   - Do you agree with the quote? How does music make you feel?
   - What kind of music do you find (a) calming, (b) energising, (c) entertaining?

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7. **Watch a short video [https://youtu.be/yFckWsYqvnk] and answer the questions.**
   - Who are the people in the video?
   - Where are they?
   - What are they talking about?

GLOSSARY
unfathomable: impossible to understand

solace: help and comfort when you are feeling sad or worried

8. **Watch the video again and write down four effects that music has, according to the speakers.**
   - ……
   - ……
   - ……
   - ……

9. **Discuss the questions.**
   - Can you imagine the world without music?
   - What role does music play in your life?
   - Does any particular piece of music bring back memories of certain events, experiences or periods in your life to you?
   - What emotions may watching a live concert in a concert hall evoke in people, compared to watching it at home alone?

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