

73 Music, art and literature

A Forms and people

	Forms	Person
Music	classical pop/rock	composer songwriter
Art	painting sculpture	painter sculptor
Literature	the novel short stories poetry plays	novelist short story writer poet dramatist/playwright
		artist (general)
		writer (general)

B Music

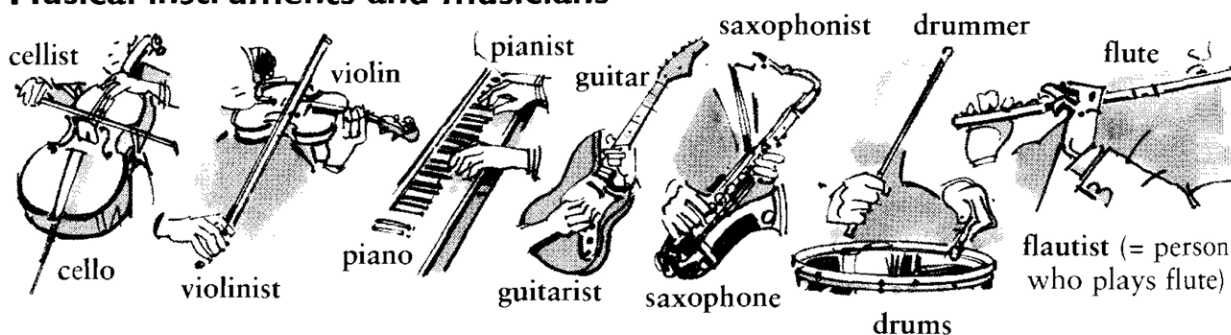
Classical music: e.g. Beethoven's piano concertos, Schubert's symphonies. Beethoven and Schubert are both **composers** (= people who write classical music) and most of their music is played by an **orchestra** (= large group of musicians including violins, cellos, etc.) which is led by a **conductor**, e.g. Georg Solti or Loren Maazel, as leader.

Opera (= a play in which the words are sung): e.g. *La Bohème* by Puccini, *Carmen* by Bizet.

Rock and pop music: e.g. U2, Bon Jovi, Maria Carey. This music is played by **groups/bands**, e.g. Bon Jovi, Simply Red; or **solo artists**, e.g. Madonna. Many solo artists, e.g. Phil Collins, are **singer-songwriters** (= they write and perform/play their own songs).

Jazz: e.g. Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, Stan Getz.

C Musical instruments and musicians



D Art

If you want to see the paintings of a famous artist, you need to go to an **art gallery** or museum. There you can see individual paintings and sometimes an **exhibition** (= a collection of paintings by one painter or **school of painters**, e.g. the Impressionists), e.g.

There's a Monet **exhibition** at the National Gallery next week.

There are many different types and styles of painting:

a **portrait** (= a painting of a person)

a **self-portrait** (= a painting of the artist by himself/herself)

a **landscape** (= a painting of part of the countryside)

an **abstract painting** (= a painting that is not realistic)

Exercises

73.1 What are or were these people? (painter? sculptor? novelist? poet? dramatist? songwriter? composer? conductor? rock star? pop star? musician? singer? pianist? etc.) Some of them may be more than one of these things.

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| 1 Leo Tolstoy | 7 Giuseppe Verdi | 13 Henry Moore |
| 2 William Wordsworth | 8 Mick Jagger | 14 Jorge Luis Borges |
| 3 Henrik Ibsen | 9 Milton Nascimento | 15 Pablo Picasso |
| 4 Yukio Mishima | 10 Paul Tortelier | 16 Saki |
| 5 Anton Chekhov | 11 Paul Simon | 17 Leonard Bernstein |
| 6 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart | 12 Mark Knopfler | 18 Alberto Giacometti |

73.2 What do you call the people who play the following instruments?

piano guitar drums violin cello flute

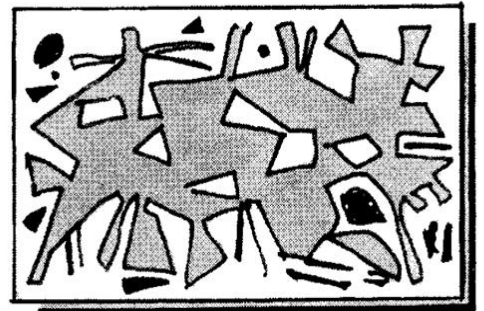
73.3 What types of painting are these?



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73.4 Use the context and your own knowledge to fill the gaps in these sentences and dialogues.

- 1 He used to be conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic
- 2 Phil Collins was in a famous called *Genesis* before he became a
- 3 A: Do you like music?
B: Yes, very much.
A: And who's your favourite?
B: It's hard to say, but I love Bach and Vivaldi.
- 4 There's going to be an of his paintings at the new art
- 5 She used to her own songs but now she mainly material written by other people.
- 6 I haven't been to the since I saw *The Marriage of Figaro* last year.
- 7 I think *The Great Gatsby* is Scott Fitzgerald's best
- 8 His first was performed in a very small theatre.