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Einleitung

Aus den vorliegenden, für den Musikunterricht konzipierten Kopiersammlungen „Popstars im Musikunterricht“ („Popstars im Musikunterricht 1“, Best.-Nr. 23399, Persen Verlag und „Popstars im Musikunterricht 2“, Best.-Nr. 23591, Persen Verlag) ein englischsprachiges Kompendium zu erstellen, lag nahe. Zum Ersten sind sehr viele, wenn nicht die meisten der internationalen Popstars englischsprachig, wobei Englisch keineswegs die Muttersprache der Sänger sein muss, zum Zweiten ist dementsprechend die Sprache der internationalen Jugend-Musikkultur Englisch, zum Dritten hängt die anglizistische Ausrichtung der deutschen Jugendsprache insgesamt, mit der Entwicklung der Popkultur zusammen. Die Fachsprache der Unterhaltungsmusik in Deutschland ist auch bei älteren Erwachsenen mittlerweile gespickt mit Anglizismen.

Zahllose Seiten im Internet bieten englische Schlager-, Song-, Rap- und Liedtexte (Lyrics) zur Lektüre an, sodass die Schüler die englischen Texte selbstständig rezipieren und auch lernen, um mitsingen und zumindest verstehen zu können. Der ständige Kontakt mit dieser Musik mittels elektronischer Medien, vor allem dem Smartphone, verstärkt die Nähe der Jugendlichen zu dieser englischen Musikkultur und verstärkt die Motivation. Durch die Angepasstheit der Texte an die musikkulturellen Interessen der Jugend und die abwechslungsreiche Gestaltung der Aufgaben entsteht ein hoher Grad an Interesse, sich mit den englischsprachigen Stars in ihrer Sprache auseinanderzusetzen. Das ermöglicht einen lebendigen, effizienten und motivierten Englischunterricht, der auch Raum für eigenständige, sprachlich-kreative Auseinandersetzung mit den Themen lässt.

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Selena Gomez



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Selena Gomez – Who is this pop star?



Selena Gomez is an American pop singer and actress. She was born on 22 July 1992 in Grand Prairie, Texas. Selena developed an interest in the performing arts while still a child. Her first role came about in 2002 when she appeared in the television series *Barney & Friends*. After that, she starred in several Disney productions, in numerous episodes of the series *Hannah Montana* and in films such as *Monte Carlo*, *Princess Protection Program*, *Spring Breakers*, *After-shock* and *Behaving Badly*, and in other acclaimed films.

Selena began her career as a singer, with several tracks that were produced under the aegis of Walt Disney Records. In 2008, she founded the band *Selena Gomez & the Scene*, releasing three studio albums: *Kiss & Tell*, *A Year Without Rain* and *When the Sun Goes Down*, which went gold several times over.

The first single *Who Says* went triple-platinum in the USA. The second single *Love You Like a Love Song* turned out to be the album's best-known single and went double-platinum.

In 2012, Selena split from her band. One year later, she released her first solo single *Come and Get It*. This song also went triple-platinum. Selena's second solo album *Slow Down* was released six months later. In August 2013, the young singer embarked upon her first world tour, which she had to cut short for health reasons. In November 2014, her album titled *For You*, featuring her most successful tracks, was released. By that year, Selena had received a number of kids', teens' and young artists' awards. From 2010 to 2013, she was in a relationship with Justin Bieber. In 2009, at the age of 16, Selena Gomez was appointed the youngest UNICEF goodwill ambassador. She supports children in Africa, Nepal and Chile, and is a great role model for young people.

Answer the following questions on the text using complete sentences.

1) What is Selena Gomez's profession?

2) When and where was she born?

3) What was she interested in when she was young?

4) In which films did Selena Gomez act at the beginning of her career?

5) With which band did she release three studio albums?

6) What are the names of Selena Gomez's three studio albums?

7) Which three of her songs went platinum?

8) Do you have any further information about Selena Gomez that you can add?

Selena Gomez – Fill in the blanks



Use the words/phrases in the box to fill in the blanks in the text below.

singer – television series – several – double-platinum – went gold – acclaimed – actress – world tour – received – single – children – young – recorded – came about – most successful tracks – Justin Bieber – second – child – Texas – studio albums – song – role model – best-known – band – the performing arts – episodes

Selena Gomez is an American pop singer and _____. She was born on 22 July 1992 in Grand Prairie, _____. She developed an interest in _____ while she was still a _____. Her first role _____ in 2002 when she appeared in the _____ *Barney & Friends*. After that, she acted in _____ Disney productions, in numerous _____ of the series *Hannah Montana* and in films such as *Monte Carlo*, *Princess Protection Program*, *Spring Breakers*, *Aftershock* and *Behaving Badly*, and in other _____ films. Selena began her career as a singer with several tracks that were _____ under the aegis of Walt Disney Records. In 2008, she founded the band *Selena Gomez & the Scene*, releasing three _____: *Kiss & Tell*, *A Year Without Rain* and *When the Sun Goes Down*, which _____ several times over. The first _____ *Who Says* went triple-platinum in the USA. The second single *Love You Like a Love Song* turned out to be the singer's _____ single and went _____. In 2012, Selena split from her _____. A year later, she released her first solo single *Come and Get It*. This _____ also went triple-platinum. Selena's _____ solo single *Slow Down* was released six months later. In August 2013, the young _____ embarked upon her first _____, which she had to cut short because of health reasons. In November 2014, her album titled *For You*, featuring her _____, was released. By that year, Selena had _____ a number of kids', teens' and young artists' awards. From 2010 to 2013, she was in a relationship with _____. In 2009, at the age of 16, Selena Gomez was appointed the youngest UNICEF goodwill ambassador. She supports _____ in Africa, Nepal and Chile, and is a great _____ for _____ people.



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Selena Gomez – Profile



Name:

Date of birth:

Place and country of birth:

Professional engagements:

Musical style:

Early albums:

Other popular tracks:

Special features:

Selena Gomez – Gold and platinum



Selena Gomez's singles *Who Says* and *Come and Get It* went platinum while the singer was still very young, attesting to her musical success. Gold and platinum discs are awards conferred upon musicians, producers and composers for the sale of minimum numbers of audio or visual recordings within a country. This includes formats such as CD, MD, LP, DVD, downloads, etc.

These are the relevant sales figures in Germany:

GOLD DISC:	100,000 long-playing and AV recordings sold and 150,000 singles sold
PLATINUM DISC:	200,000 long-playing and AV recordings sold and 300,000 singles sold
DOUBLE-PLATINUM:	400,000 long-playing and AV recordings sold and 600,000 singles sold
TRIPLE-PLATINUM:	600,000 long-playing and AV recordings and 900,000 singles sold

In the USA, higher sales are acknowledged by awarding a DIAMOND DISC. In some other countries (e.g. England), a SILVER DISC is also awarded when lower sales figures are registered.

Enter the correct term, from those provided below, next to its abbreviation:

minidisc, long-playing record, compact disc, digital versatile disc

CD	_____
DVD	_____
MD	_____
LP	_____

Selena Gomez – True or false?



Which words and names do you associate with Selena Gomez? Colour them in green. What remains yields the solution.

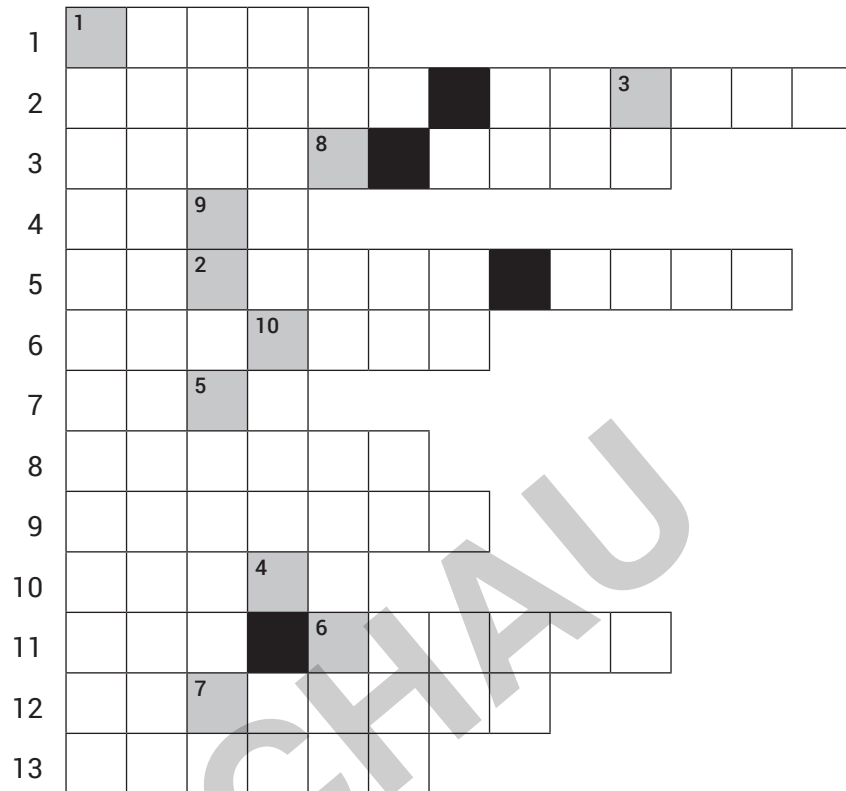
- 13 L SUMMERTIME
- 1 W I LOVE YOU
- 14 S WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN
- 5 C KISS & TELL
- 3 N YOUR KISSES
- 9 Q A YEAR WITHOUT SUNSHINE
- 8 R FOR YOU
- 12 S SPRING BREAKERS
- 2 A SLOW DOWN
- 6 U FOR ME
- 11 E MY BEST FRIEND
- 7 T A YEAR WITHOUT RAIN
- 4 S ALL MY DREAMS
- 10 E MONTE CARLO

Solution:

Selena Gomez is a well-known ...

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Selena Gomez – Crossword puzzle



Solve the crossword puzzle and find the keyword.

- 1) *For You* is Selena's most successful ...
- 2) While in the band *Selena Gomez & the Scene*, she released three ...
- 3) In 2013, Selena embarked upon her first ...
- 4) Selena's second solo single is called ... *Down*
- 5) CD is the abbreviation for ...
- 6) Selena is also an ...
- 7) In the USA, there is also a Diamond ...
- 8) Selena supports children in ..., among others
- 9) Selena appeared in the television series *Hannah ...*
- 10) Selena was born in ...
- 11) Selena Gomez is an American ...
- 12) *Who Says* went triple-...
- 13) *Who Says* is Selena's first solo ...

Solution:

Selena Gomez is a committed UNICEF ...

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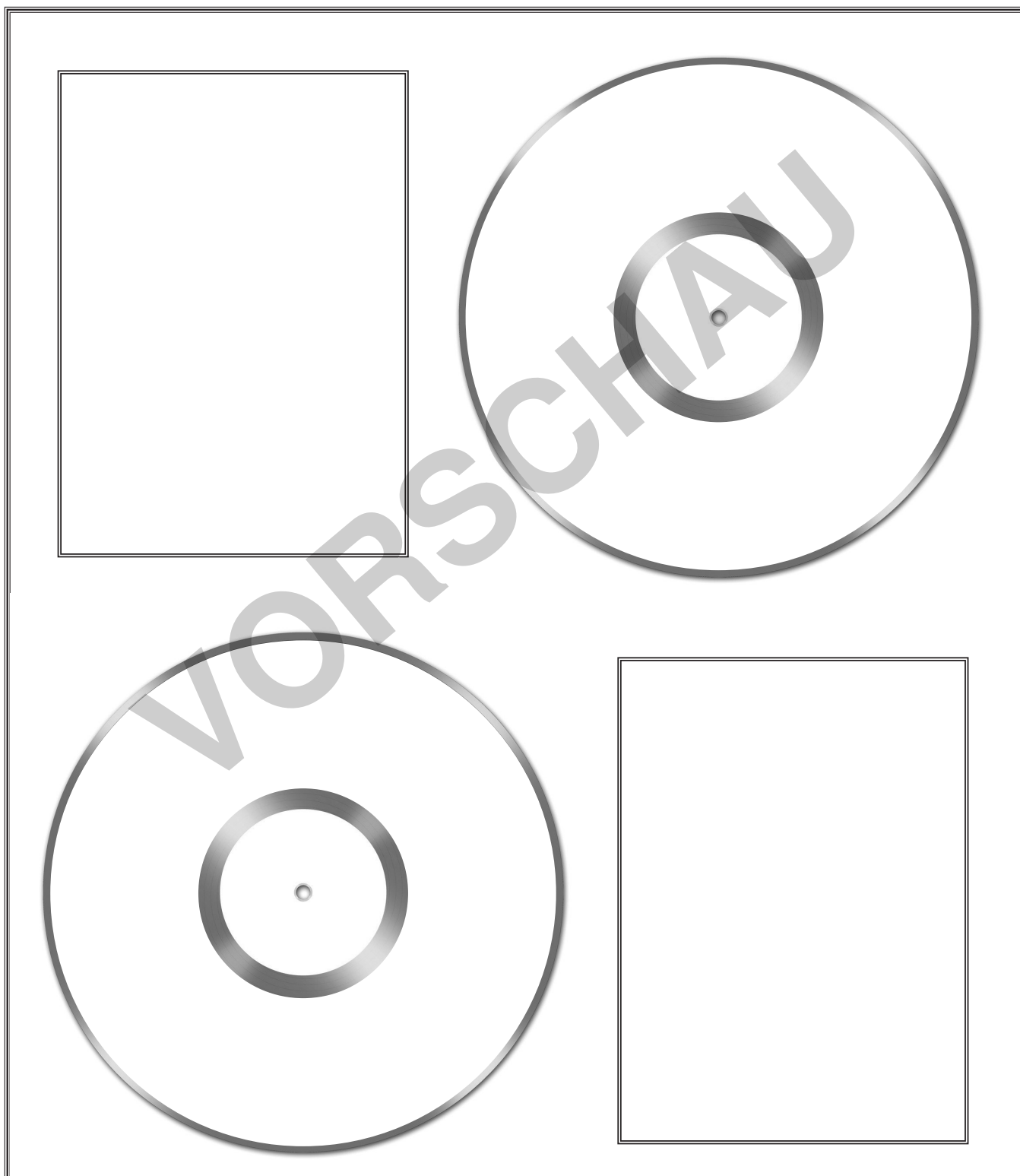


Selena Gomez – Platinum six times over

Selena's singles *Who Says* and *Come and Get It* went platinum six times over.

With this in mind, design the awards for the two singles, embellishing them with attractive lettering.

(For platinum, you can use light grey, e.g. pencil shading.)





Selena Gomez – Test your knowledge

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Answer the following questions.

- 1) What is Selena's profession?

- 2) When and where was she born?

- 3) In which films has Selena acted? (Give three examples.)

- 4) Which band was founded by Selena in 2008?

- 5) Name her first solo single.

- 6) Why did Selena have to cut short her first world tour?

- 7) To which position was she appointed in 2009?

- 8) Whom does Selena support?

- 9) Which awards did she receive prior to 2014? (Give three examples.)

- 10) Name three more of Selena's songs.





Rihanna

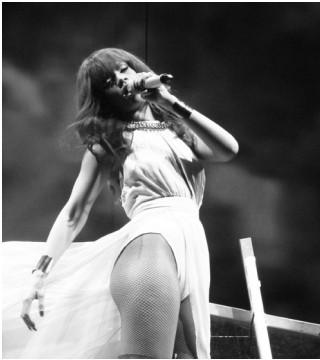


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Rihanna – Who is this pop star?



Rihanna was born Robyn Rihanna Fenty on 20 February 1988 in Saint Michael on the Caribbean island of Barbados. Her mother is a bookkeeper, and her father a warehouse operative. Rihanna has two brothers and four other half-siblings. Her parents divorced in 2002. When she was fifteen, she founded a girl band, which performed its own material in youth clubs and churches. She was discovered by an American music producer holidaying on the island of Barbados. At the age of 16, she was commuting between the USA, where she made demo recordings, and Barbados, where she was still at school. In 2005, Rihanna received her first record contract in the USA. In the same year, her very first single *Pon de Replay* reached the top ten in 16 countries. Numerous hits such as *Umbrella*, *S.O.S.*, *Don't Stop the Music*, *Disturbia*, *Unfaithful*, *California King Bed*, *Who's That Chick*, *Diamonds* and many others followed. Rihanna's musical style brings together reggae and dancehall, R&B, pop and hip-hop. Just in the first six years of her career, Rihanna won four Grammys and numerous other awards. By 2011, she had completed four world tours. The attractive singer has received several beauty awards and advertises cosmetics and clothing; she has also acted in films. Rihanna is known for her social engagement. She has been advocating the cause of children affected by cancer for years, she campaigns for UNICEF goals and has participated in fundraising events for the victims of all the major natural disasters occurring in 2010 and 2011. Although Rihanna was only 23 years old, Barbados declared 21 February 'Rihanna Day' in honour of the singer.

Answer the following questions on the text using complete sentences.

1) What is Rihanna's full name?

2) When and where was she born?

3) What do her parents do for a living?

4) What did Rihanna form at the age of 15?

5) Who discovered Rihanna?

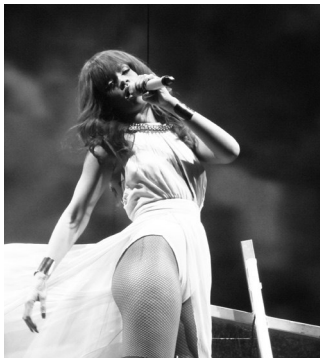
6) Which popular tracks does Rihanna sing?

7) Which musical styles does she adopt?

8) For which social activities is Rihanna known?



Rihanna – Fill in the blanks



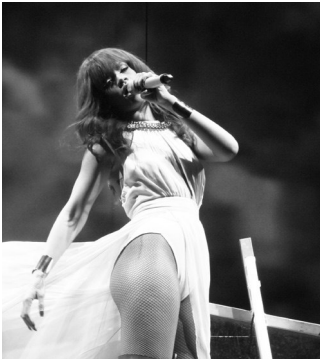
Use the words/phrases in the box to fill in the blanks in the text below.

hits – attractive – record contract – American – acted – Grammys – top ten – campaigns – two – bookkeeper – was commuting – victims – girl band – won – honour – world tours – Barbados – four – engagement – has been advocating – musical style – demo recordings

Rihanna was born Robyn Rihanna Fenty on 20 February 1988 in Saint Michael on the Caribbean island of _____ . Her mother is a _____ , and her father a warehouse operative. Rihanna has _____ brothers and _____ other half-siblings. Her parents divorced in 2002. When she was fifteen, she formed a _____ , which performed its own material in youth clubs and churches. She was discovered by an _____ music producer holidaying on the island of Barbados. At the age of 16, she _____ between the USA, where she made _____ , and Barbados, where she was still at school. In 2005, Rihanna received her first _____ in the USA. In the same year, her very first single *Pon de Replay* reached the _____ in 16 countries. Numerous _____ such as *Umbrella*, *S.O.S.*, *Don't Stop the Music*, *Disturbia*, *Unfaithful*, *California King Bed*, *Who's that Chick*, *Diamonds* and many others followed. Rihanna's _____ brings together reggae and dancehall, R&B, pop and hip-hop. Just in the first six years of her career, Rihanna _____ four _____ and numerous other awards. By 2011, she had completed four _____. The _____ singer has received several beauty awards and advertises cosmetics and clothing; she has also _____ in films. Rihanna is known for her social _____. She _____ the cause of children affected by cancer for years, she _____ for UNICEF goals and has participated in fundraising events for the _____ of all major natural disasters occurring in 2010 and 2011. Although Rihanna was only 23 years old, Barbados declared 21 February 'Rihanna Day' in _____ of the singer.



Rihanna – Profile



Stage name:

Full name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Musical styles:

Year of her first record contract:

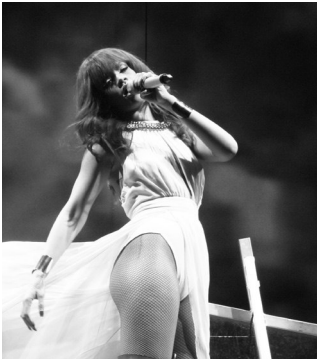
First single:

Popular tracks:

Special features:

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Rihanna and the music of the Caribbean



Reggae and dancehall: Jamaican music styles in Rihanna's music

The Jamaican Rihanna blends pop music with Jamaican musical directions, especially reggae and dancehall. Reggae evolved in Jamaica before 1970. At this time, American music styles intermingled with older Jamaican entertainment and folk music. Reggae – the derivation of the name is controversial – eventually progressed into the dance music typical of the island. In 1968, Desmond Dekker's hit *The Israelites* popularised reggae the world over. The most famous reggae singer was Bob Marley, who died in 1981. Rihanna is considered a great admirer of Marley. Jamaican disc jockeys developed a melodious chanting technique called dancehall, which was based upon a mix of reggae and American hip-hop.

Caribbean musical instruments: Steel pan, conga, bongos, claves and bells

The steel pan came into being when British colonial masters forbade their slaves from using wooden drums. The slaves then used empty iron containers as drums, later developing them further so as to fashion a sophisticated, typically Caribbean musical instrument. Bongos and congas are barrel-shaped wooden drums incorporating cowhide, tensioned in a similar way to European drums or timpani. Congas are drums measuring up to one metre in height that are played in a standing position using the hands. The bongo is a much smaller twin drum, about 30 cm high. Bongos have a shrill, resonant sound and are played with the fingers using very quick strokes. Claves are hardwood bars measuring around 30 cm in length, which produce a shrill, resonant sound when struck together. They often yield the basic rhythm in Caribbean music. Bells are hand-sized rhythm instruments made of flattened metal that are struck on an open palm with a wooden stick.

Read the following sentences and enter the right instruments in the boxes.

These instruments are played together and produce a shrill, resonant sound.

This instrument is up to a metre high.

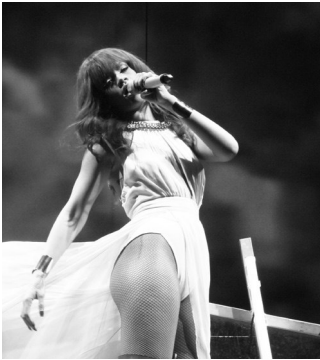
It is a typically Caribbean musical instrument.

It is played with the fingers using very quick strokes.

The instrument is struck with a wooden stick.



Rihanna – True or false?



Which statements are correct?

Cross out the letters as appropriate and find the correct answer.

	True	False
1) Rihanna received her first record contract in Barbados.	D	C
2) At 13, she formed a girl band.	I	A
3) 21 February is ‚Rihanna Day‘ in Barbados.	L	E
4) Rihanna’s mother is a bookkeeper.	I	M
5) Rihanna is a well-known country singer.	O	F
6) She advocates the cause of children affected by cancer.	O	D
7) The steel pan, conga, bongos and claves are Japanese musical instruments.	A	R
8) She has two sisters and four other half-siblings.	F	N
9) Rihanna attended school in Barbados.	I	S
10) She was discovered by an English music producer.	H	A
11) Reggae and dancehall are Jamaican musical styles.	K	O
12) Her musical style brings together reggae, dancehall, pop, hip-hop and R&B.	I	W
13) The attractive singer promotes cosmetics and clothing.	N	T
14) Unfortunately, she has never undertaken a world tour.	O	G
15) Rihanna’s father is a musician.	P	B
16) Rihanna also campaigns for UNICEF goals.	E	T
17) Rihanna was born on 20 February 1990.	A	D

Solution:

This song is from Rihannas fifth studio album ‚Loud‘:

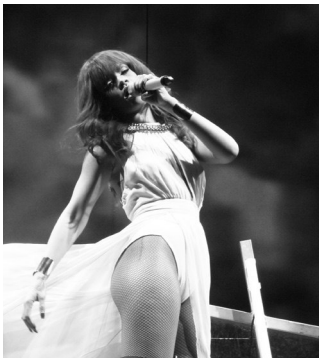
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Rihanna – Rihanna Day



Formulate a programme of events for ‚Rihanna Day‘ on 21 February on the island of Barbados.

Include the time, place, artists and various artistic directions. Don’t forget Rihanna’s social aspirations.

Programme of events on the occasion of ‚Rihanna Day‘, 21 February

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Rihanna – Congas

Design the ultimate ‚Rihanna congas‘.





Rihanna – Test your knowledge

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Answer the following questions.

1) In which year was Rihanna born?

2) Which island is she from?

3) Which band did Rihanna form at the age of 15?

4) Who discovered and promoted Rihanna?

5) Where did she receive her first record contract?

6) Which musical styles does Rihanna bring together in her own style?

7) How many Grammys did she receive over the first six years of her career?

8) For what is Rihanna also known? Give two examples.

9) What do the people of Barbados celebrate on 21 February?

10) Name five popular Rihanna songs.

