# “Music is my therapy”

### Vocabulary

melody/ tune

hit

tempo

lyrics

album

musical instruments

be/ get carried away by something

be into something

### Answer the following questions with the help of the word cloud

What music means to you?

Can you identify with the title of this topic?

What kind of music are you into?

## Describe the situation and atmosphere in the following picture:



Have you ever got carried away by a musician’s voice/ performance/ atmosphere at a concert?

How popular is live music in your country and are music festivals an important part of the culture?

## Describing music – listening

Listen to the music samples and match them to the adjectives below. One sample can be described with two of the adjectives.

1. heavy ………….

2. upbeat …………….

3. melancholic/sad ……………

4. jazzy ……………..

5. funky ……………

6. orchestral …………….

### **Study the opinions below**.

1. "I like the new Madonna hit. It has a catchy melody."

2. "Their latest single always gets me in an energetic mood. It has a fast tempo."

3. "I can't stand the new Ricky Martin song. It's very cheesy."

4. "I never get bored of listening to Yesterday by the Beatles. It's a timeless classic."

5. "I used to listen to this song a lot in my childhood. It brings back memories."

6. "They were playing the song in every bar, cafe and nightclub. It was a smash hit."

### Which expression above describes a song that ...

1. never goes out of fashion?

2. tries too hard to be emotional and is not very original?

3. is very memorable and makes you repeat the tune in your head all the time?

4. is unusually successful and popular everywhere?

5. has an energetic beat?

6. is nostalgic?

### Listen to the song and use some of the following phrases to describe your experience:

* It makes me feel relaxed/happy/excited/nostalgic/sad ...
* I'd want to/ wouldn't want to listen to it if I was feeling/trying to...
* I really like the guitar solo/ beat/ bass line/ instrumental part/ background vocals ...
* It's suitable for .../ideal for ...
* It's perfect to have on when I'm ...

### Discussion point

1. Do you listen to music on the radio? What’s your favourite radio station and why?
2. Do you prefer music in English or in your own language? Why?
3. When do you listen to music? When do you prefer silence?
4. What decade has produced the best music according to you?
5. What do you think of most of the music that is produced these days?
6. Do you think the internet has helped musicians or made life more difficult for them?
7. How has your taste in music changed since when you were a child?
8. Do you like to sing? Why(not):
9. When you listen to music do you try to understand the lyrics?
10. Have you ever tried Karaoke? Did you like it?
11. Are you able to listen to music while you work or read?
12. Have you ever been to a concert of classical music?
13. What’s your favourite kind of music?