

# Unit 9

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### 1 Vocabulary music

Complete the interview with performer Kane Furtado. Use these words to do with music.

album ballads classical eclectic hip-hop singers soothing world music

I: How have you spent the last twelve months?

KF: Well, I've been busy! I've been touring almost non-stop for twelve months, with a short break over the summer. It's been tiring but exciting and I've enjoyed working with a variety of other musicians and <sup>1</sup> ..... during the tour.

I: So, we've been talking about your tour, but you're releasing your next <sup>2</sup> ..... in March, is that right?

KF: That's right. It's called *My country, my people* and it comes out in April. It's mainly high-energy tracks, but there are a couple of pretty melodic <sup>3</sup> ..... too. I wanted to include some slower songs with guest artists – just to change the pace.

I: Sounds interesting. So how would you describe your music?

KF: It's difficult to classify. People call me a rap artist, but it's not just rap; I'd call it a mixture of <sup>4</sup> ..... and rap because I try and bring in influences from the many countries I've visited.

I: What kind of people do you think are attracted to your music?

KF: Well, because I'm from Africa but I've lived in Europe and America, I think I have a wide appeal. Nowadays most people don't just listen to one type of music – many people have fairly <sup>5</sup> ..... tastes and enjoy listening to a variety of musical styles. I try and bring that into my music.

I: And what kind of music do you enjoy listening to?

KF: That really depends on what kind of mood I'm in. If I want something uplifting, it would have to be <sup>6</sup> ....., rap or R&B. But if I'm just chilling out at home, I often listen to <sup>7</sup> ..... music because I find that <sup>8</sup> .....

### 2 Language focus the adverb *just*

Rewrite the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first. Replace *just*.

1 The concert has just finished. It was amazing!

..... It was amazing.

2 She sang for just over three hours. I think she wanted to carry on, but it was getting late.

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I think she wanted to carry on, but it was getting late.

3 They just listen to classical music all the time. It's really annoying.

..... It's really annoying.

4 My mum said it was just what she wanted for her birthday.

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5 It's just ridiculous that you can't get tickets for less than £100.

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6 The flight was just about over when the stewardess brought my breakfast.

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- 7 You just managed to get into the gig. They closed the doors after you!

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They closed the doors after you!

- 8 I think pop music is just as important and beautiful as opera.

### 3 Idioms music

Complete the sentences with music idioms. Use no more than three words in each space.

- 1 A: You've ..... I thought you wanted to come to the classical concert with us.  
B: Well, I did, but now I don't want to go out on Friday evening.
- 2 A: Her speech on the power of music really ..... with me.  
B: I agree – it certainly brought across how music can influence a person's mood.
- 3 A: I feel so embarrassed about losing the contract.  
B: Well, sooner or later you're going to have to ....., so it may as well be now!
- 4 A: I see Debbie's finally handed in her assignment.  
B: Yes, but she made such a big ..... about it. I'm glad she's finished.
- 5 A: You've done a wonderful job on the website. I think you ought to let people know you were the driving force behind it.  
B: Well, I would, but I don't want to blow .....
- 6 A: What do you think the board will say about the sales figures?  
B: I don't know. I think I'll have to play ..... when we meet.

### 4 Language focus expressing purpose

Rewrite the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 We often use music as well as drugs because we want to ease the pain. (to)  
We often use music as well as drugs .....
- 2 He took up the guitar because he wanted to be able to join a band. (so as)  
He took up the guitar .....
- 3 The college installed iPod docks and speakers because they wanted to let staff listen to music. (order)  
The college installed iPod docks and speakers .....
- 4 They took a different route home because they didn't want to get stuck in the traffic jam. (avoid)  
They took a different route home .....
- 5 You have to do about 10,000 hours of practice if you want to learn an instrument properly. (to)  
You have to do about 10,000 hours of practice .....
- 6 She actually flew to Nashville, Tennessee because she wanted to see her favourite country and western band! (so that)  
She actually flew to Nashville, Tennessee .....
- 7 They've started a ukulele group to have fun. (for)  
They've started a ukulele group .....
- 8 I was against the proposal, but I chose my words carefully because I didn't want to offend anyone. (so as)  
I was against the proposal, but I chose my words carefully .....

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### 5 Word focus *hit*

Complete the sentences to make expressions with *hit*. Use the definitions in brackets to help you.

- 1 What was his first ..... (successful) record?
- 2 The company took ..... (a financial loss) when mortgage markets crashed in the US.
- 3 Your presentation ..... (be appropriate) at the seminar this morning – everyone was able to relate to what you were saying.
- 4 Her approach to life seems to be very ..... (not consistent), but somehow it seems to work.
- 5 He's ..... (a big success) with the girls – he's funny, witty and charming.
- 6 I think I ..... (mentioned a sensitive point) when I said that Alexia couldn't keep to deadlines. She looked really upset.