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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

I: So, we’ve been talking about your tour, but you’re releasing your next 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 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

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 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 , rap or R&B. But if I’m just chilling out at home, I often listen to music because I find that.

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!

2 She sang for just over three hours. 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.

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

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

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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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.