

English Reading and Listening Assessment

NAME: _____ CLASS: 8TH grade A-B DATE: _____ / 03 / 2020 Total Score: **30 marks**

Sts Score: _____ marks

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Learning goal:

- Reading comprehensibly an article
- Listening to the main idea and detail information of a dialogue

READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read the article and match the questions (1-7) to the numbers (a-g).

Radiohead – Rock’s most environmentally friendly musicians?

Radiohead have been writing songs since they got together in 1985. After their big hits in the 1990s, like *Creep* in 1992, they have continued releasing albums, selling more than 30 million copies, in total. They are one of the most successful bands from the UK, but what makes them different from other stars is that they try to be as environmentally friendly as possible.

This is not easy for a band that travels all over the world to perform. However, they try to play small gigs in cities, not large concerts or festivals far from city centres. This means that fans can use public transport, and not private cars, to travel to see Radiohead. For one concert in Paris, the band gave away 50 free tickets to fans. But these tickets were only available for people who went by bike to a special office to get them. Radiohead also tries to help the environment by sending their music equipment across the world by ship, not plane, as this reduces the amount of pollution they create. Another interesting thing that they have been doing since 2007 is releasing their albums online as ZIP files for people to download. This means that they have been using much less plastic or paper than other bands, who prefer to sell CDs to their fans.

Radiohead were not the first big music stars to release music online – David Bowie did this 11 years earlier – but their 2007 album was very successful with 1.2 million downloads within a few years. In total, they have now sold over 12 million albums as downloads.

Of course, Radiohead know that they are not perfect. They still drive cars, use planes, and use up a lot of fuel. Their fans do, too, when they come to see the band perform. Despite this, Radiohead knows it has a responsibility to make changes in their behaviour – some small, some big – and make a difference.

- 1 When did Radiohead release their first album online?
 - 2 When did Radiohead release one of their most popular songs?
 - 3 How many albums have Radiohead sold online?
 - 4 When did a major artist first release music online?
 - 5 How many times was Radiohead’s first online album downloaded?
 - 6 When did the members of Radiohead start their band?
 - 7 How many albums has Radiohead sold in total?
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|--------|------------------------|
| a 1985 | e 1.2 million |
| b 1992 | f more than 12 million |
| c 1996 | g 30 million |
| d 2007 | |

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2. Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false), or DS (the article doesn’t say).

- 1 Radiohead haven’t been popular since the 1990s.
- 2 Radiohead weren’t interested in the environment before they became famous.
- 3 They want their fans to be environmentally friendly, if possible.
- 4 In Paris, Radiohead wanted to encourage some people to use bikes.
- 5 Radiohead travel by ship instead of plane.
- 6 Since 2007, fans haven’t needed to go to a shop to buy Radiohead’s albums.
- 7 Not many people downloaded Radiohead’s first online album.
- 8 Radiohead never do anything to pollute the environment.

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1. Listen to two teenagers talking. Match the questions and answers.

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|---|---|
| 0 When did John start playing music? | a So people can know how good the music is. |
| 1 What is John's dream? | b It's a secret. |
| 2 Who has heard his music? | c When he was a young child. |
| 3 Why is this? | d No-one. |
| 4 When did Laura start playing music at home? | e To be a famous musician. |
| 5 What is Laura's dream? | f To help the dreams come true. |
| 6 Who has heard her music? | g A short time ago. |
| 7 Why is this? | h Lots of people. |

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2. Listen again. For each question, choose the right answer (A, B, or C)

- 0 How old was John when he started playing an instrument?
A one **B** two C nine
- 1 What did John play when he was very young?
A drums B keyboard C saxophone
- 2 Where or how do his friends listen to his music?
A on special equipment B on the radio C phones
- 3 Why does he put his songs online?
A for his friends to hear B to become well-known C because he's famous
- 4 How many people have heard his songs online?
A more than 1,000,000 B only his friends C more than 1,000
- 5 What has Laura started to do recently?
A listen to live music B write songs C go to gigs
- 6 What advice does she give, if you want your dreams to come true?
A not to tell other people B talk to friends about them C not to think about them
- 7 Why does she think this?
A Her friends won't like her. B Her friends will try to stop her. C She will think she's already achieved something.
- 8 What is going to happen soon?
A She will start working hard. B She will win something. C She might take part in a competition.

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English Speaking Assessment

NAME: _____ CLASS: 8TH grade A-B DATE: ____/____/2020 Total Score: **20 marks**

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Learning goal:

- Speaking activity using a range of appropriate Vocabulary when talking about everyday situations.

SPEAKING ACTIVITY

1. Discuss the questions below.

- What singers or bands do you like?
- How long have you been listening to them?
- Have you ever been to a music festival or concert?
- What music do you listen to when you feel upset?
- What music do you suggest your partner should listen to?

2. Work in pairs. You and your partner want to start a new hobby. Talk together about the different things you could do and decide which would be the most fun. Use the ideas below, and the phrases in the list to express surprise and enthusiasm.

What a brilliant idea!

Oh, really?

That sounds wonderful!

Incredible!

How exciting!

Cool!

That's amazing!

Fascinating!

Wow!

- grow all your own vegetables
- start a group to clean up all the litter in the streets near your home
- start your own band
- learn a new musical instrument
- your own idea

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English Grammar Assessment

NAME: _____ CLASS: 8TH grade A-B DATE: ____/____/2020 Total Score: **80 marks**

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Learning goal:

- To identify vocabulary related to music instruments and making music.
- To identify and use grammar structures related to the present perfect simple and continuous.

1 Complete the text with the words in the list.

single | released | *rɒk* | download
charts | on tour

The Moogs are a brilliant new ⁰ rock band.
Their first ¹ _____ was an immediate success;
it entered the ² _____ as soon as they
³ _____ it. They are going ⁴ _____ this
year all over of the UK and you can ⁵ _____
their new single now at most online stores.

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2 Circle the odd one out.

- 0 saxophone – guitar – trumpet
1 violin – bass guitar – keyboard
2 drums – keyboard – piano
3 bass guitar – trumpet – violin
4 keyboard – piano – guitar
5 drums – trumpet – saxophone

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3 Complete the dialogue with the words in the list.

start | gig | bass | *əʊt* | drums | jazz

CARLA Do you want to go ⁰ out tonight?
Some new bands are playing a ¹ _____
in the town hall.

ERIC What sort of bands are they?

CARLA They are different bands – there are rock
bands, ² _____, pop. Ed is playing in his
band.

ERIC Really? What does he play?

CARLA He plays the ³ _____ guitar and Libby
plays the ⁴ _____. It's a talent show and
the best band can record their single.

ERIC That's a great way to ⁵ _____ out.
Okay – let's go.

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4 Match the sentences with the pictures.

- 0 They haven't been waiting long.
1 He's been practising the drums for two hours.
2 He hasn't been practising the piano.
3 She's been skiing.
4 She hasn't been watching TV.
5 They've been studying since this morning.



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5 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect continuous of the verbs.

- 0 I 've been writing (write) emails all morning.
1 Jacob _____ (play) the guitar all
afternoon.
2 I _____ (wait) for the bus for half
an hour.
3 Eva _____ (listen) to her music all
the way to school.
4 The children _____ (watch) TV all
evening.
5 Alisa is tired because she _____
(tidy) up her room.

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6 Write questions with the present perfect continuous.

- 0 How long / you / attend this school?
How long have you been attending this school?
- 1 What / Kate / do on the computer

- 2 Why / Nina / send you text messages all day?

- 3 How long / Marco / try to learn English?

- 4 Where / your band / play gigs?

- 5 How long / you / sing in a band?

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7 Write sentences so they have the same meaning. Use the present perfect continuous and for or since.

- 0 I wrote my first song when I was ten years old. I'm fifteen now.
I've been writing songs for five years.
- 1 She started doing her homework at 8.30.

- 2 They went to live in the USA when her dad got a job in New York. They went a year ago.

- 3 He decided to learn English when he met his English girlfriend.

- 4 She called her mother half an hour ago and they are still talking.

- 5 I started singing in the band five months ago.

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8 Circle the correct words.

- 0 Mary has sent / has been sending two emails this morning.
- 1 They have gone / have been going to Paris again.
- 2 They have given / have been giving concerts since spring.
- 3 How long have you listened / have you been listening to music?
- 4 He has written / has been writing songs since the age of 18.
- 5 Dad has repaired / has been repairing his car twice this month.

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9 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect or present continuous and the words from the list.

play | practise | be | see | know | write

- 0 I've known Tia since I was five.
- 1 She _____ guitar since she was six.
- 2 _____ you _____ my violin?
- 3 How long _____ you _____ the piano?
- 4 She _____ a great song.
- 5 We _____ in a band since 2012.

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10 Complete the text with words from the list.

since | guitar | upset | album | been | touring

I've been a fan of the Wizard Boys ⁰ since I listened to their first song. They formed their band in 2010, so they have been singing together for four years. Mickey plays the ¹ _____ and the bass and Tony sings wonderfully.

They have been ² _____ all summer and at the same time they have been recording their new ³ _____ in Dublin. I have ⁴ _____ to all their concerts and they are amazing. I couldn't get tickets for the concert this summer so I was a bit ⁵ _____.

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TOTAL SCORE 80

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