

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. MUSIC. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. What types of music do you like to listen to?

I like to listen to all types of music, really all types of music. I sometimes listen to rock music, rap, electronic, dance music. I do like dance music a lot. There's some musical genres in England which are quite unique to England, such as garage and indie rock. These genres, I think, originated or are unique to England, and I love those as well.

Part 1. Have you ever been in a music group or band?

Yes, I have been in a rock band. It was a long time ago now, a really long time ago. It was when I was about perhaps 16 or 17, maybe around that kind of age. I joined a group of friends; I was the drummer. We had a bass guitar, a lead guitar, a singer. It was a lot of fun. We would go to my friend's house, he had a huge house, and play, jam, practice. Yeah, it was a really nice experience.

Part 2. Describe a band you enjoy listening to.

I'd like to tell you about Coldplay. When I was young, there was a song that came out called 'Yellow'. I don't remember how old I was; I would guess around 15, and this song came out called 'Yellow'. I might have been older. It was not revolutionary, but it was a really lovely song. It swept around the UK. Then I believe it was a big hit around the world, and it was just a really nice song. It was kind of mellow, it was slow. It was by a rock band. I think you could describe Coldplay as a rock band, and it did so well, and that was the start of their career. That was the one that made them famous.

So, let me tell you a little more about Coldplay. Coldplay are, I suppose you would call them a rock band, and the lead singer is a really good singer. It's quite rare to have such a good singer as the front man. The thing I really like about them is they've actually been around for certainly 15, maybe even 20 years now, and they are constantly upgrading and evolving, adding new technology to the way that they construct music. They're doing collaborations with other famous artists, so they are a really interesting band who are constantly changing and redefining what you think a rock band is.

For me personally, I like their music right from the start up until the present day. The earlier work was more traditional, with guitars, and it was kind of more mellow, and some of my favourite songs come from the earlier days. Okay, do you know Coldplay? I think everyone knows Coldplay, right? Here in South Korea, they have come here and performed, and they were very, very popular. They did a great performance, and I think all over the world you probably know them. If you don't, I recommend you search on YouTube and see how they are, they're a really good band.

VOCABULARY

construct (verb) - To build or put together something, like a building or a model

drummer (noun) - A person who plays drums, which are musical instruments that make sounds when you hit them

genre (noun) - A category or type of art, music, or writing that has a special style or form, like "pop music" or "mystery books."

mellow (adjective) - Calm, gentle, and relaxed, often used to describe a feeling, colour, or sound

redefining (verb) - Changing the way we understand or think about something to give it a new meaning

revolutionary (adjective) - Very new or different in a way that changes things, like a big idea that changes how people live or work