



7th grade online lesson: Music bands

Name: _____

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Reading



It's a spring afternoon in March, and the band Haim are preparing to play. They're part of this year's South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas. Soon the band is playing and the crowd is dancing happily. Everyone agrees that they are giving an awesome performance.

Haim is a band of three sisters: Este, Danielle, and Alana. They come from California in the U.S. They write their songs together, and they all sing beautifully. They can also play different instruments, and change from one to another very easily. The sisters' sound is rock music, with a strong influence from the 1980s and 1990s. Fans often compare them to bands from these decades, like Fleetwood Mac and En Vogue.

Their sound has influences from the past, but their songs are very modern, and discuss important subjects for young people today. There are a lot of interviews with them in magazines and on the Internet. Their new album, *Days Are Gone*, is now available online and in stores, and it is doing very well.

Haim are popular with other musicians, too, and often play with other famous bands, like Mumford and Sons and Primal Scream. And there's at least one famous face in the crowd today at the South by Southwest festival. The singer Pharrell Williams is watching the girls.

Listen to *Days Are Gone* now for the sound of the year. These three sisters have a great future ahead of them!

1 Read the text. Check the correct sentence.

- A The band is a girl band from the 1980s. ____
- B Today they are playing with the band Mumford and Sons. ____
- C The sisters like music from the 1980s and 1990s. ____

2 Read the text again and answer the questions.

In which month is the South by Southwest festival?
It's in March.

- 1 What is the relationship between the girls in the band?

- 2 What genre of music do Haim play?

- 3 Which bands do Haim sound similar to?

- 4 Where can you buy their new album?

- 5 What do other musicians think of the band?

- 6 Which famous musician is in the crowd today?

Writing

3 Write a description of your favorite band.

Think about the questions below and remember to include pronouns in your text.

What is the band's name?

Who is in the band?

What style of music do they play?

Where are they from?

Which of their songs is your favorite?

Why do you like them?