


READING An Online Forum

Reading Strategy Guessing Meaning from Context

When you don't know the meaning of a word, try to guess. First, identify the part of speech by looking at the word's place in the sentence (and its prefix or suffix, if it has one). Then look for other words in the sentence which might give you clues to its meaning.

-  **1** Read the posts on a music forum where teens discuss 20th-century music. Look at the words in bold and try to guess the meaning of each one.
- 2** Read the forum posts again. Which writer ... ?
- 1 mentions lyrics that are about events in someone's life
 - 2 compares the success of two bands
 - 3 thinks this music appeals to people who feel they don't belong
 - 4 was inspired to take up a musical instrument
 - 5 describes music with an idealistic message
 - 6 describes the actions of a character in a song
 - 7 explains why this music was popular

TIP

When answering multiple-choice questions, finding the same keywords in the text and an answer option may not mean that the option is correct. Check carefully before you decide.

- 3** Choose the correct answer.
- 1 Romy's mother wanted to see the church ...
 - a which ABBA wrote about
 - b where a member of ABBA got married
 - c where a film wedding took place
 - d which ABBA used in a film
 - 2 What was one result of Josh hearing *Imagine*?
 - a He discovered more Beatles music.
 - b He learned about Lennon's solo career.
 - c He explored the Beatles' solo careers.
 - d His view of the world changed.
 - 3 What information about David Bowie does Jessica NOT mention?
 - a a common theme in some songs
 - b the type of people that identify with his music
 - c his intriguing album covers
 - d the instruments he played
 - 4 What does Andy say about Pink Floyd?
 - a Their songs offer more than just good music.
 - b Their brilliant guitarists are better than others.
 - c The band still produces powerful songs.
 - d *The Wall* was their best album.

WORDS FROM THE TEXT



- 4** Find words or expressions in the text that mean:
- 1 where a film or TV programme is filmed (RomyB)
 - 2 became very popular and successful (RomyB)
 - 3 the end of a relationship (Josh77)
 - 4 captured (my) interest (Jessica)
 - 5 unusual, shocking (Jessica)
- 5** Choose the correct answer. Pay attention to the words in colour.
- 1 I often **compose** new songs on the *piano* / *radio*.
 - 2 Since he **cut off** communication with us, he *often* / *never* calls.
 - 3 Please **turn up** the music. It's *not loud enough* / *too loud*.
 - 4 I *didn't want* / *wanted to* go, but my parents **dragged** me to the opera.
 - 5 The balloons **floated** into the sky when we *held* / *released* them.

PREFIXES: re-, under-, mis-, mega-, over-

Prefixes with specific meanings are often used to form new words.

The population of a **megacity** is at least 10 million people.

Every two years, my family **relocates** to another city.

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- 6** The words in blue below appear in the text. Match the bolded prefixes in each word in A to the correct meanings in B.
- | A | B |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1 megastar | a do again |
| 2 underrated | b incorrectly |
| 3 overestimated | c huge |
| 4 misunderstood | d not enough |
| 5 rethink | e too much |
- 7** Complete the sentences with new words made from the words in brackets and the correct prefix from Exercise 6.
- 1 A two-minute video uses one ... (**byte**) of data.
 - 2 The owner ... (**built**) the cinema after the fire.
 - 3 She's ... (**paid**). She should be earning more.
 - 4 Zak ... (**behaved**) by throwing popcorn in the cinema.
 - 5 There are too many people here! It's ... (**crowded**).
 - 6 They ... (**estimated**) the number of guests, so there wasn't enough food.





Beat Box

Forum for Music Lovers and Musicians

Hey, everyone! Have your parents or grandparents introduced you to some great music? Join the conversation below!

1 RomyB

During a family holiday in Greece, my mum was **adamant** about visiting Skópelos. This shouldn't have surprised us, because it's the island where *Mamma Mia* – a musical featuring ABBA songs – was filmed on location. She dragged us everywhere, including to the church where a character got married. It's funny that my mum loves ABBA because they hit the big time in the mid-1970s, before she was born! ABBA became global megastars and they sold more records than any band except the Beatles. ABBA are underrated by many teens, but I can understand why they appealed to so many people. Their catchy melodies and simple lyrics about emotions and relationships might appeal to you! ❤️ 35 💬 7



2 Jessica

My grandmother must have kept every album she's ever bought since her teens. Recently, several by David Bowie grabbed my attention because of his dramatic and sometimes outrageous appearance on the covers. I soon discovered his songs were also fascinating. For instance, *Space Oddity*, from 1969, is about Major Tom, an astronaut who cuts off all communication with Earth and floats into space. In this song and others like *Life on Mars?* and *Starman*, I think space might be a metaphor for loneliness and being misunderstood. Anyone who's ever felt like an **outsider** will be able to relate to Bowie! Listening to him has made me rethink Gran's old music! ❤️ 70 💬 10



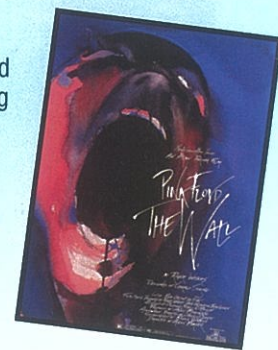
3 Josh77

I was in a café with my dad when I heard a **touching** song which made me cry. I asked my dad about it, and he said it was *Imagine*, by John Lennon of the Beatles. I'd heard some Beatles music, but knew nothing about their solo careers after their break-up, so I started to explore Lennon's music online. I learned that his contribution can't be overestimated and that *Imagine* was one of his greatest songs. He composed it in 1971 to express his belief that we are one global community and that we can change the world for the better. ❤️ 48 💬 5



4 AndyRap

One night during dinner, my dad suddenly turned up the radio and my parents began singing along with the song. The lyrics were quite surprising: "We don't need no education. We don't need no thought control." Then, there was a brilliant electric guitar solo which inspired me to **take up** guitar lessons. The song was *Another Brick in the Wall*, from Pink Floyd's 1979 album *The Wall*. The song reflects the lead singer's bad experiences in strict British schools in the 1950s. Later, I listened to the entire album. With their powerful music and lyrics that really make you think, Pink Floyd have remained popular throughout the years. ❤️ 58 💬 3



LOOKING AT LANGUAGE

- 1 Look at the false friends underlined in the text. How do you say them in your language?
- 2 The words *appeal* and *change* can be both nouns and verbs. How are they used in the posts of RomyB and Josh77?

PRONUNCIATION

- 3 Listen and repeat the words from the text.
appeal /i:/ | hit /ɪ/
- 4 Match the bolded letters in each word below to the correct phonetic symbol /i:/ or /ɪ/. Then listen and check your answers.
peace | lyrics | imagine | belief | meaningful | music

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YOUR OUTLOOK CRITICAL THINKING

Why do you think some songs remain popular for many years?