

Critical thinking for musical kids

Label each statement: Fact (true / false) Opinion (agree /disagree)

Examples.

- A. Pianos are musical instruments. (True fact)
- B. Trumpets are part of the string section. (False)
- C. Purple guitars look cool. (Opinion, agree)
- D. The greatest musical composer of all time is Richard Wagner. (disagree)

1. Music exists.
2. Every person on Earth likes the same kind of music.
3. The major scale is a good warm up.
4. The Beatles' early albums are better than the later ones.
5. The major scale is a pattern of seven different notes, (for example, CDEFGAB) plus an 8th with the same name as the first (in this example, C)
6. The key signature of G major has 2 sharps and 8 flats.
7. Dolly Parton has worked as a professional singer.
8. Most songs on iTunes cost around \$10 each.
9. Pop music is terrible.
10. Country music is great.
11. Blues music is great, except for music written in the 1980's.
12. In most European and Western music, the note "A" is tuned to vibrate 440 times per second.
13. The Bb major scale contains all of these notes: G, A, B, C#, D#, E#, F#, G#.
14. The most widely used musical instrument in the world is the djembe.
15. The pentatonic scale sounds scary.
16. Most drum solos are too long.
17. Taylor Swift has re-recorded new versions of her old songs.
18. New Kids on the Block were formed in the 1960s.
19. $2+2=4$
20. $2+2=5$
21. Those last two questions were easy.
22. This quiz is hard.
23. Pianos have white and black keys.
24. Most guitars have 88 strings.
25. Ukuleles are easy.
26. Some people are naturally better at music than others.
27. Kongar Ool Ondar is a Mongolian throat singer.
28. Lady Gaga was born in outer space.
29. Pitch, Harmony, and Rhythm are elements of music.
30. Legally, you have to be 35 years old before you can start to learn music.
31. Songs from Disney movies are fun to sing and play.
32. Everyone should be required to learn music.
33. The more you practice something, the better you get at it.
34. The F# harmonic minor scale takes 9 hours to play.
35. The diminished scale sounds spooky.
36. Music from the 1990's is overrated.