

1961 Vocabulary Matching

Match the words on the left to their definitions on the right.

1	abandon	.....	a	a style of music which expresses belief in Jesus Christ
2	achievement	.....	b	when an army enters another country in order to control it
3	astronaut	.....	c	the number of people who live in a particular place
4	ballet	.....	d	the region beyond the earth's atmosphere
5	billion	.....	e	a person who has to work for his or her owner
6	bomb shelter	.....	f	to enter another country in order to control it
7	CIA	.....	g	to maintain or keep safe from harm
8	communist	.....	h	the purpose of something
9	deny	.....	i	one thousand million, 1,000,000,000
10	endangered	.....	j	to not allow
11	fled	.....	k	a song that has the same title as the movie in which it appears
12	function	.....	l	living things which people fear may cease to exist
13	fund	.....	m	a supporter of the politics or economics of Karl Marx
14	genre	.....	n	a style of religious music created by African slaves in America
15	gospel	.....	o	a goal reached or something completed successfully
16	guilty	.....	p	a style or kind of artistic work
17	holocaust	.....	q	the organized killing of six million Jews during World War II
18	human rights	.....	r	escaped because of fear or danger
19	invade	.....	s	judged to have broken a law
20	invasion	.....	t	turned 180 degrees in a vertical direction
21	nuclear war	.....	u	a US organization which collects data on other countries
22	population	.....	v	to deliberately leave a thing or person forever
23	protect	.....	w	a style of music that is a mix of gospel and rhythm and blues
24	rhythm & blues	.....	x	a safe place to go to escape from bomb explosions
25	slave	.....	y	a style of African American music that began in the 1940s
26	soul	.....	z	a form of classical dance
27	space	.....	☪	a person who has been trained to fly in a spacecraft
28	spiritual	.....	☒	a military conflict in which nuclear weapons are used
29	title song	.....	☺	the basic rights that all people should have
30	upside-down	.....	☹	money available for a specific purpose

1961 Fluency Practice

To access a listening exercise with short clips of the songs below, visit www.efclub.com/music.html.

Listen and repeat. Then, without the textbook, try to repeat after your partner.

"Stand by Me" is a soul and rhythm and blues song sung by Ben E. King.

"Stand by Me" is also the title song of a 1986 movie.

After the movie was released, the song became popular once again.

"Hit the Road Jack" is a rhythm and blues song sung by Ray Charles.

Ray Charles also mixed rhythm and blues with gospel to form a new genre, soul.

"Where the Boys Are" is the title song of a 1960 movie.

The movie is about four college girls who go on spring vacation together.

"Michael" is an African-American spiritual sung by The Highwaymen.

This song was first sung in the 19th century by African-American slaves.

The slaves had been abandoned by their owners on an island far from the mainland.

This photo was taken in 1961. Can you talk about it for one minute?



What happened in 1961?

Say these sentences.

- 1 A leading organizer of the holocaust was found guilty of war crimes.
- 2 Cuba became a communist country.
- 3 John F. Kennedy became president of the United States.
- 4 Many Americans built bomb shelters in case of nuclear war.
- 5 A Russian ballet dancer fled his home country while on tour in France.
- 6 The United States sent a chimpanzee into space.
- 7 Amnesty International was formed to protect human rights worldwide.
- 8 The construction of the Berlin Wall started.
- 9 People went to see "West Side Story" at the cinema.
- 10 The world's population reached four billion.

Listen. Write your partner's sentences.

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Say these sentences.

- 1 The Vietnam War started.
- 2 An army trained by the CIA invaded Cuba.
- 3 Barack Obama was born.
- 4 Black and white people sat next to each other on American trains.
- 5 Writer Ernest Hemingway killed himself.
- 6 A Russian astronaut became the first person to fly in space.
- 7 WWF was formed to protect endangered species.
- 8 Walt Disney created "101 Dalmations".
- 9 The Beatles played live in their hometown.
- 10 The first electric toothbrushes were introduced.

Face to Face

Take turns asking and answering questions. Have fun talking. Write her answers.

- 1 Which country became communist in 1961?
- 2 Who became president of the US in 1961?
- 3 What was the world's population in 1961?
- 4 Which songs from 1961 do you like?
- 5 What do you think of soul music?
- 6 Have you seen "Stand by Me"? How was it?
- 7 What is your favorite Disney movie?
- 8 Do you like ballet?
- 9 Which musicians have you seen live?
- 10 What does the World Wide Fund for Nature do?
- 11 Which do you prefer, cats or dogs? Why?
- 12 Which countries deny its people human rights?
- 13 What do you think of electric toothbrushes?
- 14 How do you usually spend spring vacation?
- 15 Would you like to fly in space? Why? / Why not?

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Take turns asking and answering questions. Have fun talking. Write her answers.

- 1 Which war started in 1961?
- 2 Which famous African American was born in 1961?
- 3 What is the world's population now?
- 4 Do you like spiritual songs such as "Michael"?
- 5 What music genres do you listen to?
- 6 Have you seen 101 Dalmations? (How was it?)
- 7 Which musicals have you seen?
- 8 Have you ever watched a ballet performance?
- 9 Would you have liked to watch The Beatles live?
- 10 Do you like animals?
- 11 What is the function of Amnesty International?
- 12 Is saving species as important as human rights?
- 13 How often do you brush your teeth?
- 14 What is Barack Obama's greatest achievement?
- 15 What is 1961 upside-down?

Conduct a Survey

Use the topics or words of this unit to help you write a class survey question.

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Ask your question to everyone in the class and record their answers below.

Draw a bar graph of your results.

Write a short summary of your survey.

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Tell your group or class about your survey.

Research and Write

Research one of the topics of 1961 below using the library or the Internet.

Amnesty International

The Berlin Wall

Ernest Hemingway

The Causes of the Vietnam War

Rudolf Nureyev

The World Wide Fund for Nature

The American Invasion of Cuba

Yuri Gagarin

In your own words, write an essay about your chosen topic.

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