1979 Vocabulary Matching

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

1	abolish	.....	a	United Nations Children's Fund
2	accident	.....	b	hitting a person in order to change behaviour
3	accuse	.....	c	cheap food that is prepared and served quickly
4	anthem	.....	d	to travel to and from school or work
5	classic	.....	e	a music genre with a strong rhythm and spoken words
6	corporal punishment	.....	f	a powerful illegal drug which is extremely addictive
7	die out	.....	g	a person that you do not know
8	diplomatic relations	.....	h	a creation of high quality
9	domestic	.....	i	relating to home or country
10	donate	.....	j	a building for representatives of a foreign country
11	embassy	.....	k	to give money or goods to help a person or group
12	establish	.....	l	to continue to live or exist
13	fast food	.....	m	a place where people drink and dance until late at night
14	commute	.....	n	a system of having a king, queen, emperor or royal leader
15	gay	.....	o	a sudden or unexpected event that causes harm or injury
16	heroin	.....	p	attracted to people of the same sex as oneself
17	hip hop	.....	q	something which has come out of its container by mistake
18	justify	.....	r	a song which has a special meaning for a group of people
19	monarchy	.....	s	the act of taking credit for someone else's work
20	nightclub	.....	t	money paid to the creator of an original piece of work
21	overdose	.....	u	to become less common and eventually disappear
22	plagiarism	.....	v	to say that a person has done something wrong
23	policy	.....	w	to officially end a custom or activity
24	rap	.....	x	a formal agreement between two or more countries
25	royalties	.....	y	a lifestyle that includes rap, break dancing and graffiti art
26	spill	.....	z	to give a good reason for
27	stranger	.....	☭	a system of having representatives in each other's country
28	survive	.....	☮	when too much of a drug is taken at one time
29	treaty	.....	☺	an established practice or plan of what to do
30	UNICEF	.....	☯	to bring about or make happen

1979 Songs - Fluency Practice

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

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

"I Will Survive" is a disco soul song sung by Gloria Gaynor.

It is about remaining strong after the end of a bad relationship.

"Reunited" is a soul R&B song sung by Peaches and Herb.

The song is about two lovers getting back together again.

"Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?" is a disco pop song sung by Rod Stewart.

It is about two strangers who meet at a nightclub and spend the night together.

After being accused of plagiarism, Stewart donated his royalties to UNICEF.

"Y.M.C.A" is a disco song sung by the Village People.

Y.M.C.A. stands for "Young Men's Christian Association", a place for men to stay.

The song is both a disco classic and a gay anthem.

This photo was taken in 1979. Can you talk about it for one minute?

What happened in 1979?

Say these sentences.

1 Pol Pot fled into the jungle as Vietnam invaded Cambodia.

2 The United States and the Soviet Union agreed to limit their weapons.

3 Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty.

4 American citizens were taken hostage at the American Embassy in Tehran.

5 A fire broke out at a nuclear power plant in the United States.

6 Price increases because of the oil crisis led to panic buying in the shops.

7 Margaret Thatcher became the prime minister of the United Kingdom.

8 McDonald's introduced the Happy Meal for children.

9 The first international snowboarding competition was held.

10 Sid Vicious of the Sex Pistols died of a heroin overdose.

Listen. Write your partner's sentences.

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Say these sentences.

1 The Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan.

2 The United States and China established full diplomatic relations.

3 Iran abolished the monarchy and became an Islamic republic.

4 Saddam Hussein became president of Iraq.

5 A huge oil spill occurred in the Gulf of Mexico.

6 Sweden banned domestic corporal punishment.

7 The Irish Republican Army killed a member of the British royal family.

8 The Sony Walkman became popular, especially among commuters.

9 Students in England started the modern sport of bungee jumping.

10 Hip hop and rap music became popular as disco died out.

Face to Face

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

1 Which country invaded Cambodia in 1979? .....

2 Which two countries signed a peace treaty in 1979? .....

3 Who became prime minister of the UK in 1979? .....

4 What are the pros and cons of a monarchy? .....

5 Is nuclear power good or bad for the environment? .....

6 Do you think it is okay for a parent to hit a child? .....

7 What is your school policy on plagiarism? .....

8 Which is worse, an oil spill or a nuclear accident? .....

9 Do you carry a portable music player? .....

10 Have you noticed any price increases recently? .....

11 How often do you eat fast food such as McDonald's .....

12 Would you like to do a bungee jump some day? .....

13 Do you like the Sex Pistols? .....

14 Is a nightclub a good place to meet people? .....

15 Have you ever sung and danced to "Y.M.CA."? .....

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1 Which country did the Soviet Union invade in 1979? .....

2 Which punk musician died of an overdose in 1979? .....

3 Who became president of Iraq in 1979? .....

4 Who is your country's prime minister or president? .....

5 What is your opinion about nuclear power? .....

6 Can corporal punishment ever be justified? .....

7 Why do some students plagiarize? .....

8 Which is worse, punk or disco? .....

9 What do you do while commuting to school? .....

10 Have you ever seen panic buying? .....

11 What do you think of Happy Meals? .....

12 Can you ski or snowboard? .....

13 What do you think of hip hop? .....

14 Which people have died of an overdose? .....

15 Do you think I'm sexy? .....

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 1979 below using the library or the Internet.

Hip Hop	The Iran Hostage Crisis
Margaret Thatcher	The Killing Fields
Snowboarding	The Sex Pistols
The 1979 Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty	The Soviet War in Afghanistan

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

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