

1980 Vocabulary Matching

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

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| 1 | boycott | | a | a type of dance music that was popular in the seventies |
| 2 | brick | | b | a person who is taken as a prisoner to exchange for a demand |
| 3 | camcorder | ..... | c | a long period of very hot weather |
| 4 | couple | ..... | d | a building for representatives of a foreign country |
| 5 | democracy | ..... | e | a small video recorder that can be held in one hand |
| 6 | disco | ..... | f | a type of music with a strong rhythm and spoken words |
| 7 | divorce | ..... | g | an organization that represents workers of a particular kind |
| 8 | earthquake | ..... | h | a sudden shake of the ground that often causes damage |
| 9 | elect | ..... | i | a trade union which formed in Poland in 1980 |
| 10 | embassy | ..... | j | a special chair used by a king or queen |
| 11 | equality | ..... | k | to cause something to break up violently into small pieces |
| 12 | explode | ..... | l | a rectangular hard block used for building houses |
| 13 | heat wave | ..... | m | the person who takes over after someone dies |
| 14 | heir | ..... | n | conservative in politics |
| 15 | heir to the throne | ..... | o | the person who will become king or queen next |
| 16 | hostage | ..... | p | a situation when people are treated fairly or equally |
| 17 | jewelry | ..... | q | a legal agreement to end a marriage |
| 18 | lenient | ..... | r | strong in punishment |
| 19 | protest | ..... | s | a person who uses violence for political purposes |
| 20 | rap | ..... | t | to stop working in order to negotiate better conditions |
| 21 | right wing | ..... | u | not strong in punishment |
| 22 | shipyard | ..... | v | a system of government chosen by everyone |
| 23 | siege | ..... | w | a place where ships are built |
| 24 | Solidarity | ..... | x | the surrounding of a place in order to defeat those inside |
| 25 | strict | ..... | y | turned 180 degrees in a vertical direction |
| 26 | strike | ..... | z | to choose a person for a job by voting |
| 27 | terrorist | ..... | ☞ | expensive stones or metal worn on one's body or clothes |
| 28 | throne | ..... | ⊕ | a strong public complaint about something |
| 29 | trade union | ..... | ☺ | two people who are in a relationship together |
| 30 | upside-down | ..... | ☹ | to show disagreement by refusing to take part |

1980 Songs - Fluency Practice

The songs and a listening worksheet are available at <http://www.eflclub.com/music.html>.

Listen and repeat.

“Upside Down” is a 1980 soul song sung by Diana Ross.

It was Ross’s biggest hit as a solo artist.

It was particularly popular in Italy, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland.

“Still” is a soul song sung by Lionel Richie and the Commodores.

It was written for a couple who divorced in order to save their friendship.

“Rock with you” is a disco song sung by Michael Jackson.

It is considered one of the last hits of the disco era.

“Another brick in the wall” is a rock song sung by Pink Floyd.

It was sung in their rock opera “The Wall”.

The second part of the song is a protest about the strictness of schools.

This photo was taken in 1980. Can you talk about it for one minute?



What happened in 1980?

Say these sentences.

- 1 Pac Man was released and became a popular video game.
- 2 The United States boycotted the Olympic Games in Moscow.
- 3 The Iran Iraq War started.
- 4 Shipyard workers in Poland formed a union and went on strike.
- 5 Ronald Reagan was elected President of the United States.
- 6 British soldiers released hostages from the Iranian Embassy in London.
- 7 Japan became the world's largest car producing country.
- 8 Many Cubans left Cuba for the United States.
- 9 A severe summer heat wave caused over 1,000 deaths in the US.
- 10 A Swedish princess became heir to the throne ahead of her younger brother.

Listen. Write your partner's sentences.

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What happened in 1980?

Say these sentences.

- 1 Many people started to sell their jewelry as gold prices rose steeply.
- 2 John Lennon was shot and killed in New York.
- 3 Rap music started to become popular.
- 4 Right wing terrorists in Italy exploded a bomb in Italy that killed 57.
- 5 The Soviet Union held its first rock music festival.
- 6 Camcorders went on sale in Japan.
- 7 A spacecraft visited Saturn and sent back images to Earth.
- 8 Fax machines became available in stores.
- 9 Nearly five thousand people died in an earthquake in Italy.
- 10 Two thousand people died in pro-democracy protests in South Korea.

Listen. Write your partner's sentences.

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Face To Face

Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- 1 Which war started in 1980?
- 2 Who became president of America in 1980?
- 3 Why did people start to sell their jewelry in 1980?
- 4 What do you think of Pac Man video game?
- 5 When was the last heat wave in your country?
- 6 Who is heir to the throne in your country?
- 7 Would you sell your jewelry if gold prices rose?
- 8 Do you want to be a member of a union?
- 9 Which is better, divorce or unhappily married?
- 10 Do you like making home movies?
- 11 Does terrorism work?
- 12 Which countries produce many cars now?
- 13 Where would you choose to visit, Italy or Norway?
- 14 Do you like rock operas?
- 15 Do you know anyone who you think is too strict?

Face to Face

Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- 1 Which rock musician was killed in 1980?
- 2 Where were the Summer Olympics held in 1980?
- 3 Where was there a shipyard strike in 1980?
- 4 Do you like rap music?
- 5 What should you do during a heat wave?
- 6 Is there equality of the sexes in your royal family?
- 7 Do you like gold?
- 8 Would you like to be heir to the throne?
- 9 Do you know anyone who is divorced?
- 10 Which brand of camcorder do you like?
- 11 Where are there pro-democracy protests now?
- 12 If you went to Cuba, what would you do?
- 13 Where would you go, Sweden or Switzerland?
- 14 What do you think of disco music?
- 15 Is your school strict or lenient?

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 1980 below using the library or the Internet.

The 1980 Summer Olympics

Rapping

The Iranian Embassy Siege

Ronald Reagan

John Lennon

Solidarity

Mariel Boatlift

Voyager 1

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

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