



**SPEAKING
PRACTICE**



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Looking forward to continued cooperation in the future!

All the best,

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My family and I

A. Read About My Family

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| nurse | אחות (רפואית) |
| business | עסק |
| twins | תאומים |
| high school | בית ספר תיכון |
| spend time | לבלות |
| especially | במיוחד |
| travel | לנסוע |
| north | צפון |
| almost | כמעט |
| decision | החלטה |

My name is Daniel Levi. I am 16 years old. I live in Beer-Sheva with my big family. I have a father, a mother, three sisters and one brother.

*My mother's name is Judith. She is 45. She is a **nurse**. She works at the Soroka hospital. My father's name is Moshe. He is 53. He has a small **business**. My sisters Tali and Noa are **twins**. They are 18 years old. They are in **high school**. My brother David is 12 years old. He goes to Or Yisrael School. He is in the 6th grade. My sister Liat is four years old. She goes to the kindergarten¹ near our home.*

*I like to **spend time** together with my family. I like to go shopping with my brother. Sometimes we go out together, **especially** on Saturday night. Every summer we **travel** around Israel together. Last year we were in the **north** of Israel for five days. It was so cool.*

*I adore² my parents because they understand me and support³ me in **almost** every **decision** I make.*

¹ kindergarten = גן ילדים

² adore = מעריץ

³ support = תומכים

B. Talk About It

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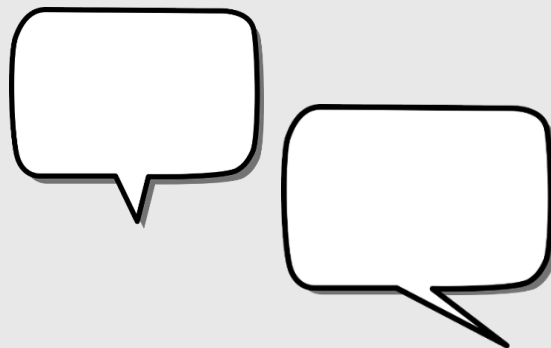
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על כמה שאלות תוכלו לענות בלי לחזור לטקסט?

1. How old is Daniel?
2. What do Daniel's parents do?
3. What do you know about his sisters and brothers?
4. What does Daniel like to do with his family?
5. What does his family do every summer?
6. Why does he adore his parents?
7. Would you like to meet Daniel's family? Explain why or why not.



C. Talk About Yourself and Your Family

Here are the vocabulary words to understand the questions.

Before you answer the questions, look at the vocabulary words on page 7. Find the words that will help you answer the questions.

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| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| spend / spend time | לבלות |
| free time | זמן פנוי |
| how much | כמה |
| share an opinion | לחלוק דעה |
| explain | להסביר |
| ask for advice | לבקש עצה |
| how often | באיזה תדירות |
| give an example | לתת דוגמה |
| prefer | להעדיף |
| share tastes | לחלוק טעם |

1. Tell me about yourself and your family.
2. What do your parents do for a living⁴?
3. Tell me about your sisters and brothers.
4. What do you like to do with your family?
5. Does your family always **share your opinion**? **Explain**.
6. Do you get along⁵ with your sisters and brothers? **Give an example**.

⁴ do for a living = עושים למחייתם

⁵ get along = להסתדר

7. When do you **spend time** together with your family?
8. How much time do you **spend** together with your family?
9. If you go shopping, do you **ask** your parents **for advice**? **Give an example.**
10. **How often** do you visit your grandparents?
11. Do you **prefer** to spend your **free time** with your friends or with your family?
12. Does your family **share** your **taste** in music or books?



Useful Vocabulary for the Answers

PEOPLE

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| parents | הורים |
| grandparents | סבים וסבתות |
| uncle | דוד |
| aunt | דודה |
| cousin | בן/בת דוד/ה |
| nephew** | אחיין |
| niece** | אחיינית |
| twins | תאומים |

PLACES PEOPLE WORK

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| elementary school | בית ספר יסודי |
| high school | בית ספר תיכון |
| kindergarten** | גן ילדים |
| office | משרד |
| clinic* | מרפאה |
| building site | אתר בניה |

VERBS

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| spend time | לבלות |
| agree with ... | להסכים עם ... |
| disagree | לא להסכים |
| get along with ...* | להסתדר עם ... |
| share opinion | לחלוק דעה |
| prefer | להעדיף |
| support* | לתמוך |
| travel | לנסוע |
| do for a living* | לעשות למחייתך |

PROFESSIONS

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a sales agent | סוכנת/מכירות |
| a school principal* | מנהל/ת בית ספר |
| a housewife | עקרת בית |
| self-employed** | עצמאית/ת |
| a builder | בנאי |
| a dentist | רופא/ת שיניים |
| a dental hygienist** | שיננית |
| an accountant** | רואה חשבון |
| an engineer | מהנדס/ת |
| a programmer** | מתכנת/ת |
| a cosmetician** | קוסמטיקאית/ת |
| a medical secretary | מזכירה רפואית/ת |
| a makeup artist | מאפרת |
| a jewelry designer* | מעצבת/ת תכשיטים |
| a graphic designer* | מעצבת/ת גרפי |
| a nurse | אח/אחות |
| a clerk** | פקיד/ה |
| a doctor | רופאה |
| a policeman | שוטר |
| a manager | מנהל/ת |
| a guard | שומר/ת |
| a businessman | איש עסקים |
| a shop assistant | עוזר/ת בחנות |
| a teacher | מורה |
| a high school teacher | מורה בתיכון |
| a rabbi | רב |



*Band 3

**Not on the bands

My School



A. Read About My School

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| located | ממוקם |
| from all over area | מכל רחבי האזור |
| subjects | מקצוע |
| sciences | מדעים |
| math | מתמטיקה |
| geography | גיאוגרפיה |
| almost | כמעט |
| wear uniform | ללבוש תלבושת |
| behave well | להתנהג היטב |
| duties | חובות |
| organize(s) activities | מארגן פעילויות |
| including | כולל |
| take part | להשתתף, לקחת חלק |

My school is **located** in Beer-Sheva. The pupils here come **from all over** the Negev **area**, Beer-Sheva, Dimona, Yeroham, Mitzpe-Ramon and more.

We study many **subjects**. My favorite **subjects** are **science, math, and geography**. We study 8 hours **almost** every day. Every day begins at 8 o'clock. We pray Shacharit in school.

There is discipline¹ in our school. We have to come to school on time, we have to **wear uniforms** and we have to **behave well**. We also have **duties** at school. We clean the classrooms at the end of the day, and we help keep the school clean.

Our school **organizes activities** for the students, **including** parties, trips and projects. We love to take part in the school activities. They help us break the routine² from time to time.

¹ discipline = משמעת

² break the routine = לשבור את השגרה

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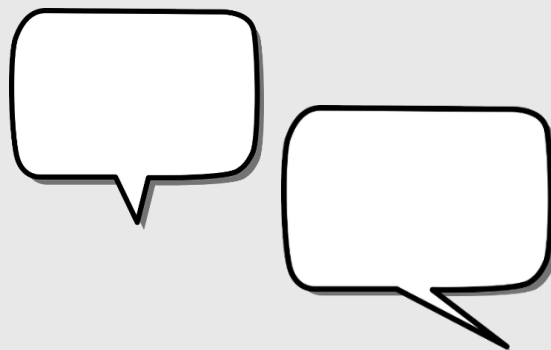
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על כמה שאלות תוכלו לענות בלי לחזור לטקסט?

1. Where is the school located?
2. Where is the school located?
3. Where do pupils come from?
4. Give three examples of subjects they study.
5. What do students at this school have to do?
6. Are there fun activities in this school? Give examples.
7. Would you like to study at this school? Why or why not?



C. Talk About Your School

Here are the vocabulary words to understand the questions.

Before you answer the questions, look at the vocabulary words on page 12.

Find the words that will help you answer the questions.

לפניכם מילים שיסייעו לכם להבין את השאלות.

לפני שתענו על השאלות, התבוננו במילים שבעמוד 12. מצאו את המילים שיעזרו לכם לענות עליהן.

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| special | מיוחד |
| recommend | להמליץ |
| explain | להסביר |
| if you could | אילו יכולת |
| change | לשנות |
| describe | לתאר |
| What does it look like? | איך זה נראה? |
| future | עתיד |
| subject(s) | מקצוע(ות) |
| favorite | אהוב |
| offer | להציע |

1. Why is your school **special**?
2. Would you **recommend** your school to other students? **Explain** why or why not.
3. What do you like about your school? **Explain**.
4. **If you could change** something about your school, what would you **change**? **Explain** your answer.
5. **Describe** a normal day in your school. **What does it look like**?
6. Do you think what you learn in school will help you in your **future**? **Explain** why or why not.

7. What **subjects** are you studying in school?
8. What's your **favorite** subject? Why?
9. If you could choose a **subject** that your school doesn't **offer**, which **subject** would it be? **Explain** your answer.
10. Who is your favorite teacher? Why?



Useful Vocabulary for the Answers

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| located in ... | ממוקם ב... |
| uniform | תלבושת |
| duties | חובות; תפקידים |
| take part in ... | להשתתף, לקחת חלק ב... |
| organize | לארגן |
| activities | פעילויות |
| grades | ציונים |
| groups | קבוצות |
| junior high school | חטיבת ביניים |
| high school | בית ספר תיכון |
| principal | מנהל/ת בית ספר |
| homeroom teacher | מורה מחנכ/ת |
| janitor* | שרת; איש תחזוקה |
| staff | צוות |
| school trips | טיולי בית ספר |
| report card | תעודה |
| my favorite subject | המקצוע האהוב עלי |
| library | ספרייה |
| yard | חצר |
| should | צריך; כדאי |

SUBJECTS

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| subjects | מקצועות |
| science | מדעים |
| math / mathematics | מתמטיקה |
| geography | גיאוגרפיה |
| art | אומנות |
| gym | התעמלות |
| history | היסטוריה |
| literature | ספרות |
| Hebrew | עברית |



*Not on the bands

My Hometown



A. Read About My Hometown

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| capital | עיר בירה |
| is named | נקרא |
| (it) means | המשמעות (של זה) |
| neighborhood | שכונה |
| college | מכללה |
| tourists | תיירים |
| spend time | לבלות |
| exhibition | תצוגה |
| thanks to | הודות ל |
| famous for ... | מפורסם בזכות ... |

I live in Beer-Sheva.

*Beer-Sheva is a big city. It is the **capital** of Negev. It **was named** Beer-Sheva because Avraham dug wells¹ in the desert. "Beer" **means** a well, and "sheva" means seven.*

*Beer-Sheva is a highly developed² city. It is number seven among the biggest cities in Israel. There are 16 **neighborhoods** in Beer-Sheva. I live in XXXXXX **neighborhood**.*

*There are many schools, kindergartens, a university, several **colleges** and Soroka Hospital. **Tourists** can **spend time** here visiting museums, **exhibitions** and parks. There are also a lot of places to shop.*

*The mayor³ of Beer-Sheva is Rubik Danilovich. **Thanks to** him, Beer-Sheva is **famous for** its fountains⁴ as there are almost 40 fountains here.*

I love my city very much.

¹ well(s) = באר(ות)

² highly developed = מפותח מאד

³ mayor = ראש עיר

⁴ fountain(s) = מזרקו(ת)

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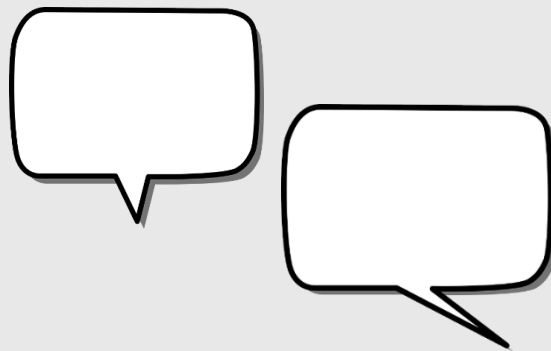
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על כמה שאלות תוכלו לענות בלי לחזור לטקסט?

1. What does Be'er Sheva mean in Hebrew?
2. Why was it named Be'er Sheva?
3. What good things can you say about Be'er Sheva?
4. What can you find in Be'er Sheva?
5. What is Be'er Sheva famous for?
6. If you live in Be'er Sheva, would you recommend visiting it?
If you don't live in Be'er Sheva, would you like to visit it?



C. Talk About Your Hometown

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| | |
|------------------|------------|
| describe | לתאר |
| hometown | עיר הולדתך |
| neighborhood | שכונה |
| village | כפר |
| favorite place | מקום אהוב |
| explain | להסביר |
| move | לעבור |
| recommend | להמליץ |
| if you could | אילו יכולת |
| change | לשנות |
| improve | לשפר |
| what would it be | מה זה יהיה |
| be | יהיה |
| different | שונה |
| decide | להחליט |

1. Where do you live? **Describe** your **hometown** / **neighborhood** / **village**.
2. What is your **favorite place** in your **hometown**? **Explain** why.
3. If someone wanted to **move** to your hometown, would you **recommend** it? **Explain** why or why not.
4. **If you could change** anything about your hometown to **improve** it, **what would it be**? **Explain**.
5. What's special about your hometown?

6. Do you think your **hometown** is a good place to live in? **Explain** why.
7. How is your **hometown / village / city different** from other places in Israel?
8. Why did your family **decide** to live in this place?
9. **If you could move** to another place, what would it be? **Explain**.



Useful Vocabulary for the Answers

NOUNS

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| town | עיר (לא גדולה) |
| city | עיר (גדולה) |
| village | כפר |
| neighborhood | שכונה |
| neighbors | שכנים |
| country | אזור כפרי |
| farms | חוות |
| traffic | תנועה (בכביש) |
| museum | מוזיאון |
| paths | שבילים |
| streets | רחובות |
| buildings | בנינים |
| libraries | ספריות |
| museums | מוזיאונים |
| houses | בתים |
| stores / shops | חנויות |
| wide / narrow roads | כבישים רחבים / צרים |
| grass | דשא |
| mountains | הרים |
| hills | גבעות |
| pleasant weather | מזג אויר נוח |
| high / low temperatures | טמפרטורות גבוהות / נמוכות |
| offices | משרדים |
| tourists | תיירים |
| apartments | דירות |

ADJECTIVES

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| amazing | מדהים |
| comfortable | נוח |
| close to ... | קרוב ל ... |
| lovely | נעים; יפה |
| friendly / unfriendly | ידידותי / לא ידידותי |
| religious | דתי |
| modern | מודרני |
| pleasant | נעים |
| pretty | יפה |
| special | מיוחד |



Friendship



A. Read About Friendship

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| I would like | הייתי רוצה |
| neighbor | שכנה |
| since childhood | מאז ילדותנו |
| similar tastes | טעם דומה |
| spend time | לבלות |
| planning | מתכננים |
| kind person | אדם נחמד, אדיב, טוב לב |
| secrets | סודות |
| trust | לסמוך על |
| for hours | במשך שעות |
| lucky person | אדם בר מזל |
| forever | לתמיד |

*I would like to tell you about my best friend. Her name is Yael. She is tall, with long black hair and brown eyes. Yael is my neighbor. We have been friends **since childhood**. We are both 14 years old and we are in the same class.*

*We are very **similar**. We have **similar tastes** in food, music, and clothes. We like to **spend time** together. For example, we like to go to parties and go shopping together. We study together for tests and do homework together. We are also **planning** to work this summer in the same place.*

*Yael is a **kind** person. Yael understands me very well. She knows all my **secrets**. I know I can **trust** her. When I feel sad, I call her, we talk and then I feel better. Yael **supports**¹ me in every difficult life situation². We can talk on phone **for hours**. I think that I am a **lucky person** to have good friend like Yael. I hope that we will stay best friends **forever**.*

¹ support = לתמוך

² difficult life situation = מצבי חיים קשים

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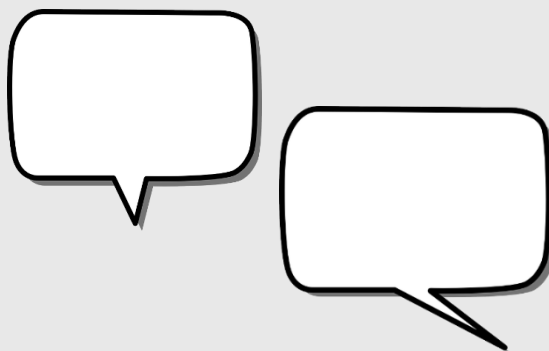
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על כמה שאלות תוכלו לענות בלי לחזור לטקסט?

1. How long have they been friends?
2. What does Yael look like?
3. Do they have a lot in common¹? In what ways are they similar?
4. What do they do together?
5. Do they feel close to each other? Give examples.
6. Would you like to be friends with Yael? Explain why or why not.



¹ in common = במשותף

C. Talk About Yourself and Your Friends

Here are the vocabulary words to understand the questions.

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| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| easy / difficult | קל / קשה |
| make new friends | להכיר חברים חדשים |
| explain | להסביר |
| should | צריך; רצוי |
| will ever change | ישתנה אי פעם |
| stop being | להפסיק להיות |
| close (closest) friend | חבר/ה (הכי) קרוב/ה |
| important | חשוב |
| spend time | לבלות |
| anybody | כל אחד |
| believe | להאמין |
| argue | להתווכח |
| argument | וויכוח |
| surprised by ... | מופתע/ת על ידי ... |

1. Is it **easy** or **difficult** to make new friends? **Explain**.
2. What qualities¹ **should** a good friend have? **Explain** your answer.
3. Do you think having friends is important? **Explain** why or why not.
4. Do you think you are a good friend? Why do you think so? **Explain**.

¹ qualities = תכונות

5. Do you think your relationship¹ with your close friends **will ever change**?
Explain.
6. What could make you **stop being** someone's friend? **Explain.**
7. Describe one of your **closest friends**.
8. How do you usually **spend** time with your friends? What do you like to do with your friends?
9. Can **anybody** become your friend?
10. Do you believe people can have a lot of good friends? **Explain** your answer.
11. Have you ever² **argued** with your friends? What was the **argument** about?
12. Can good friends betray³ you?
13. What can you do for your friends?
14. Have you ever been⁴ **surprised by** your friends? What did they do for you?



¹ relationship = יחסים

² have you ever = האם אי פעם

³ betray = לבגוד

⁴ have you ever been = האם אי פעם היית

Useful Vocabulary for the Answers

VERBS

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| agree | להסכים |
| disagree | לא להסכים |
| argue | להתווכח |
| trust | לבטוח |
| help | לעזור; עזרה |
| understand | להבין |
| cause | לגרום |
| rely on ...* | לסמוך על ... |
| support* | לתמוך |
| disappoint | לאכזב |
| share | לשתף; לחלוק |
| care about ... | להיות אכפת |

NOUNS

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| person | אדם |
| argument | ויכוח |
| friendship | חברות |
| cause | גורם, סיבה |
| reason | סיבה |
| quarrel* | מריבה |
| close friend | חבר/ה קרוב/ה |
| best friend | חבר/ה הכי טוב/ה |
| real friend | חבר/ה אמיתי/ת |

PHRASES

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|------------------------|------------------|
| do things together | לעשות דברים ביחד |
| feel comfortable | להרגיש בנוח |
| feel safe | להרגיש בטוח/ה |
| We are similar | אנחנו דומים/ות |
| We have similar tastes | יש לנו טעם דומה |



*Band 3



A. Read About Music

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| since I was born | מאז שנולדתי |
| as I grew up | בשגדלתי |
| most of | רוב |
| mostly | בעיקר |
| relax | להירגע |
| what kind of ... | ... איזה סוג |
| get lost | ללכת לאיבוד |
| different kinds of ... | ... סוגים שונים של |
| favorite singer | זמר/ת אהוב/ה |
| musical instrument | כלי נגינה |
| make(s) me feel ... | גורם לי להרגיש |
| mood | מצב רוח |

*I have been listening to music **since I was born**. **As I grew up**, my music preferences¹ changed. When I was a child, **most of** the songs I liked were children's songs in Hebrew. Now, I **mostly** listen to songs in English. I don't always understand the words of the songs I am listening to, but I like the melodies².*

*Music helps me **relax** and forget about everyday problems. It is hard to say **what kind of music** is good or bad. There are so many popular musical genres³ in the world that it is easy to **get lost** in them.*

*I enjoy **different kinds of** music. I don't have a **favorite singer**, but my favorite **musical instrument** is the accordion. Listening to the accordion **makes me feel** happy and puts me in a good **mood**. I hope I can play it myself one day.*

¹ preferences = העדפות

² melodies = מנגינות

³ musical genres = ז'אנרים (סוגים) מוזיקליים

B. Talk About It

After reading the text, take turns asking the following questions.

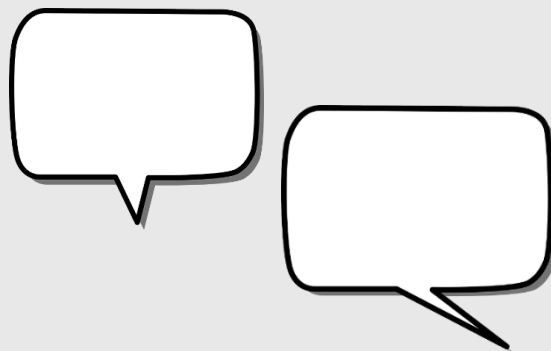
Answer each other's questions, but do not read the answers from the text.

How many questions can you answer without looking back at the text?

לאחר קריאת הטקסט, שאלו זה את זה את השאלות הבאות והשיבו עליהן בלי להקריא את התשובות מהטקסט.

על כמה שאלות תוכלו לענות בלי לחזור לטקסט?

1. Does the writer love music? How do you know?
2. What kind of music did the writer like as a child?
3. What kind of music does the writer enjoy now?
4. How does music help him/her?
5. What is the writer's favorite musical instrument? Why?
6. Do you have something in common¹ with the writer? Do you share the same opinions²? Do you have a similar taste³ in music? Explain.



¹ in common = במשותף

² share the same opinions = חולקים אותן דעות

³ similar taste = טעם דומה

C. Talk About Music

Here are the vocabulary words to understand the questions.

Before you answer the questions, look at the vocabulary words on page 27.

Find the words that will help you answer the questions.

לפניכם מילים שיסייעו לכם להבין את השאלות.

לפני שתענו על השאלות, התבוננו במילים שבעמוד 27. מצאו את המילים שיעזרו לכם לענות עליהן.

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| make you feel | גורם לך להרגיש |
| what kind of ... | איזה סוג ... |
| dislike | לא אוהב/ת |
| explain | להסביר |
| favorite singer | זמר אהוב |
| performer | נגן; שחקן; מבצע |
| prefer | להעדיף |
| your own language | השפה שלך |
| while | בזמן ש... |
| musical instrument | כלי נגינה |
| would you like | האם היית רוצה |

1. How does music **make you feel**? Give an example.
2. **What kind of** music do you like and/or **dislike**? **Explain** why.
3. When and where do you listen to music?
4. Who is your **favorite singer/performer**? Why?
5. Do you **prefer** songs in English or in **your own language**? Why?
6. Do you think it's important to understand what a song is about? Why?
7. Can you do other things **while** listening to music? Give an example.

8. How can music help us in life?

9. Can you play a **musical instrument**? If not, **would you like** to play some?
Which one would you like to play and why?



Useful Vocabulary for the Answers

VERBS

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| relax | להירגע |
| perform | לבצע; להופיע |
| sing out of tune* | לשיר מזויף |

NOUNS

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| musical instruments | כלי נגינה |
| piano | פסנתר |
| guitar | גיטרה |
| flute* | חליל צד |
| drums | תופים |
| violin* | כינור |
| organ | אורגן |
| voice | קול |
| stage | במה |
| band | להקה |
| tune | מנגינה |
| taste | טעם |
| favorite singer | זמר/ת אהוב/ה |
| notes* | תווים |

PHRASES

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| what kind of ... | איזה סוג ... |
| different kinds of ... | סוגים שונים של ... |
| It makes me feel ... | זה גורם לי להרגיש ... |
| take(s) my thoughts away | מנתק את מחשבותיי |
| put(s) me in a good mood | מכניס אותי למצב רוח טוב |



*Not on the bands