

Pre-intermediate Workout

Unit 4 Sing Your Blues Away – Listening

Pre-listening

- 1 Where do Aborigines come from? Find 7 words in the wordchain.
Use the remaining letters to find out.

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- 2 Complete the definitions with the words in the box.

heritage precedes relieve hum keep at bay ancestors to cure pass on illnesses hell

- 1 _____ : the people who lived before us
- 2 _____ : to make our bodies better
- 3 _____ : the opposite of heaven, something terrible
- 4 _____ : our past
- 5 _____ : sing quietly to ourselves without saying the words
- 6 _____ : diseases, when our bodies are ill
- 7 _____ : send away, keep distant
- 8 _____ : communicate
- 9 _____ : comes before
- 10 _____ : reduce, make it less

While-listening

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- 3 Listen and choose the right answer.

- 1 Singing is an important part of
 A European culture.
 B ethnic culture.
 C every culture.
- 2 In pre-historic times, people copied
 A noises.
 B animal sounds.
 C silence.
- 3 Certain songs can
 A cure people.
 B silence people.
 C make people ill.
- 4 Song therapy was invented by
 A the ancient Chinese.
 B a French doctor.
 C Australian Aborigines.
- 5 People who sing
 A get tired very easily.
 B feel less anxious.
 C want to be alone.

Post-listening

- 4 Why do people sing? Which of these reasons are the most important for you? When and why do you sing?
Write a paragraph.

People sing:

- to relax
- to express their good and bad feelings
- to pass on their heritage and traditions
- to cure their illnesses