



Weekly English Practice

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How a bad taste in music really CAN ruin a relationship

Why do some relationships fail? Scientists believe that it could be our taste in music.

click (informal): if two people click, they realize immediately that they like each other and understand each other

belong (v): to feel happy and comfortable in a particular place or with a particular group of people

pick (v): to choose someone or something from a group
genre (n): a particular style used in cinema, writing, or art, which can be recognized by certain features

outcast (n): someone who other people will not accept as a member of society or of a particular group

awareness (n): knowledge or understanding of a subject, issue, or situation

a date (n): a social or romantic appointment or engagement. Also the person you go on the date with.

enhanced (adj): made better, especially by artificial methods

detrimental (adj): harmful or damaging

appeal (n): a quality that something has that makes people like it or want it

According to a new study music actually predicts sexual attraction. The most recent issue of Psychology of Music takes a close look at the connection between identity, music and what makes people 'click'.

This led the LA Weekly blog to explore what it is about why we like, what we like, and perhaps more importantly, how this can make or break a relationship. During adolescence, music becomes a symbol of your identity to help you belong.

Research duo North and Hargraves say that music functions as a 'badge' which people use to not only judge others but at the same time, to express their own ideas. For example the child who wants to appear rebellious picks music that seems like it's made by people who rebel.

This symbol of identity also helps you strike a balance between belonging but also being original. You do this

by liking a genre that your friends like, but to try and stand out while not becoming a total **outcast**, you find a performer within that genre which no-one else knows about. Eventually however, you get into music that reflects your values.

Researchers believe that rock is associated with social **awareness** and rebelliousness while pop is connected to values about gender roles and conformity. Scholars Rentfrow and Gosling discovered that people who like blues, jazz, classical, and folk are liberal and more open to experiences.

The blog also points to a study which found that a woman's devotion to country music diminishes her attractiveness to a potential male mate and a man's interest in country music make him less attractive to women. But devotion to classical music and heavy metal rock has a different effect depending on if you're a man or a woman.

The study in the Communication Research journal says: **"A date's devotion to country music was found to diminish attraction in respondents of both genders. In contrast, devotion to classical music and to heavy metal rock proved to be gender specific. Fascination with heavy metal rock greatly enhanced the appeal of men, but it proved detrimental to that of women. Adoration of classical music produced the reverse consequences. It tended to facilitate the appeal of women, but to diminish that of men."**

It also found that men were more strongly attracted to women with whom they shared musical tastes. But for women, this had only a 'negligible effect' on their attraction to men.

Read the original article from the Daily Mail [here](#)

"Let's chat about that."

- According to the article, what does it mean to like Rock music?
- What music tends to make men feel less attracted to women? And vice versa?
- Do you agree that music could have such an impact on a relationship?
- What type of music are you into. What is it you like about this music?
- Does bad taste in music exist?



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MORE VOCABULARY EXPANSION

MUSIC IDIOMS

IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO

Used to suggest that when things go wrong, both sides are involved and neither party is completely innocent. *I know you saw what he did, but it takes two to tango, they are both equally to blame.*

FIT AS A FIDDLE

This is used to describe someone who is in perfect health. *It's unbelievable. He must be at least 80 but he's as fit as a fiddle!*

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

This means that everything related to or similar is included. *Celebrities definitely seem to be starting all the latest trends with fashion, hair and all that jazz.*

MUSIC TO MY EARS

When you hear exactly what you wanted to hear. *When they read out the results and everyone heard that I got top marks, it was like music to my ears!!*

STRIKE A CHORD

Used to describe something that is familiar to you, reminds you of something or is connected to you somehow. *That poem really struck a chord in me, it reminded me of my youth so much.*

CHANGE YOUR TUNE

When someone changes their opinion or their idea of something particular. *You've definitely changed your tune since the last time I saw you! You used to hate this town!*

FACE THE MUSIC

You say this when someone has to accept the negative consequences of something that has

happened. *I'm not ready to face the music. I need to figure it out for myself before I speak to them.*

PLAY BY EAR

This means to deal with something in an impromptu manner, without guidelines or rules. It refers to playing music without using written notation. *I don't know what I'm going to say when she gets here, I'll just play it by ear.*

DRUM INTO ONE'S HEAD

When you teach someone how to do something through constant repetition. *Our teacher drummed into our heads how important it is to understand the history of our own country.*

FINE TUNING

Used to describe small adjustments made to improve something or to make it work better. *My motorbike is almost ready. My dad is quite happy with it, but I think it needs a little more fine tuning.*

MAKE A SONG AND DANCE ABOUT SOMETHING

When someone makes a big deal out of, or a fuss over, something that isn't that important. *I wish she'd stop making such a song and dance about me moving out, it's not a big deal.*

DRUM UP SUPPORT / BUSINESS / INTEREST

Try to get extra support/business/interest by various means. *I've been trying to drum up support for the local Women's Rights campaign by speaking to people in the neighbourhood.*

WET YOUR WHISTLE

To drink something alcoholic. *Why don't you join us tonight and wet your whistle? It's been a long time since we went out together!*



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presents...
... a LIVE!English event:

Pincho
Pote :)

Thursday 11th
February

Meeting place:

Cube (Artium) at
20:30

Come and practise
your English!



You've done “*running*”, “*parking*”,
“*planning*” and “*shopping*”.

Now you can learn how to use these English
words correctly while...

“pintxopote-ing”

Come and practise your English while having a drink and
eating some bar snacks **around the centre of Vitoria!**

Thursday 11th February at 8.30 pm CUBE bar (Artium)

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