

British Culture & Society I

A B : The Purple Violin

Background

Verb: 'to busk' = to play music in a public space (station, shopping centre, etc) outside for money

Noun: 'a busker' = a musician who plays outside for money

Preview

As your partner the following question and write down their answer. Answer your partner's question with an English sentence:

a) Can you play any musical instrument?

If yes, which one? How long have you played and how often do you practice?

If no, which instrument would you like to play and why (2 reasons – do not use cute/cool/fun!)?

b) If you had talent, would you like to be a professional musician? Why or why not (2 reasons – do not use cute/cool/fun!)?

i) _____

ii) _____

Questions

Watch the video and answer your partner's questions with an English sentence.

Ask your partner your questions and write down the answer:

プリントを相手と交換して、あなたがビデオを見た後で答える質問をノートに写してください。相手もあなたの質問をノートに写して、答えます。ビデオが終わったら、質疑応答を交替で行ってください。

1. What does Ed's violin sound like?

2. Complete the following:

'This _____, _____ sound is _____ by just one _____ – a purple, _____ violin'

3. How did Ed learn to play the violin?

4. Why didn't he enjoy playing (2 reasons)?

5. What did Ed study after leaving school? Why?

6. Where did he start playing? Where did he go next? What happened to him?

7. What does Ed say his music is like? What doesn't he do?

8. Why does Ed still busk (3 reasons)?

9. What is different about Ed's violin?

10. Where does the bottom string come from?

11. How did he get this violin?

12. How long did it take?

13. How did he get his first violin?

14. Why is his violin purple (2 reasons)?

15. How does he get so many sounds from his violin?

16. What's an echo box?

17 How could he make a CD so cheaply (2 reasons)?

18. How many copies has he sold?

19. What is he doing now & what are his plans?

20. Complete the following:

'This music was _____ by the _____. I'd like to _____ it _____ to the people who _____ me to write it'