

# ELTE Musical idioms quiz 56

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- ☐ (C) Write a song about an event
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- ☐ (A) Play trumpet in a band
- ☐ (B) Call for attention using a loud noise
- ☐ (C) Brag or boast about yourself
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**3. What does the idiom 'strike a chord with someone' imply?**

- ☐ (A) Play a sequence of musical notes
- ☐ (B) Repairing an old instrument
- ☐ (C) Start a musical band
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**4. What does the idiom 'play something by ear' mean?**

- ☐ (A) Fix a piano by tuning
- ☐ (B) Handle a situation as it develops
- ☐ (C) Play an instrument after rehearsing
- ☐ (D) Prepare things thoroughly

**5.** What does 'drum up' mean?

- ☐ (A) Seek to gather or generate more interest or support
- ☐ (B) Practice drumming in a group
- ☐ (C) Create a new musical beat
- ☐ (D) Buy new musical instruments

**6.** What does the idiom 'change your tune' mean?

- ☐ (A) Switching key
- ☐ (B) Modify one's opinion or attitude
- ☐ (C) Learning to do things differently
- ☐ (D) Finding a solution

**7.** What does the idiom 'fine tuning' refer to?

- ☐ (A) Perfecting an instrument's sound
- ☐ (B) Making small adjustments to improve something
- ☐ (C) Doing something again
- ☐ (D) Creating a new project from scratch

**8.** What is the meaning of 'music to my ears'?

- ☐ (A) Sharing gossips
- ☐ (B) Playing an ear-friendly tune
- ☐ (C) A pleasant sound
- ☐ (D) Good news or pleasing information

**9.** What does 'march to the beat of your own drum' signify?

- ☐ (A) Not wanting to work in teams
- ☐ (B) Act independently, unconstrained by norms
- ☐ (C) Maintain a steady pace
- ☐ (D) Lead a marching band

**10.** What does it mean to 'hit the right note'?

- ☐ (A) Take good marks
- ☐ (B) Guess something well
- ☐ (C) Start a song correctly
- ☐ (D) Successfully do something exactly right

**11.** What does 'in tune with someone' imply?

- ☐ (A) Playing music together
- ☐ (B) Singing the same lyrics
- ☐ (C) Being in harmony or agreement
- ☐ (D) Using similar musical instruments

**12.** What does 'harp on' mean when using this idiom?

- ☐ (A) Design a new strategy
- ☐ (B) Teach a lesson to someone
- ☐ (C) Play the harp repeatedly
- ☐ (D) Discuss a subject excessively

**13.** What does the phrase 'set the tone' mean?

- ☐ (A) To make a presentation
- ☐ (B) To begin a project
- ☐ (C) To tune a band
- ☐ (D) To establish the mood or atmosphere

**14.** What does the idiom 'play someone like a fiddle' mean?

- ☐ (A) To do something clumsily
- ☐ (B) To manipulate someone skillfully
- ☐ (C) To discover a secret
- ☐ (D) To fix something easily

**15.** What does 'blow the whistle' refer to?

- ☐ (A) Start a project
- ☐ (B) Play a whistle instrument
- ☐ (C) Lead a project
- ☐ (D) Expose wrongdoing or misconduct

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- ✓ **A** Accept the consequences of one's actions
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**i** To 'face the music' means to confront the results of one's actions, often unpleasant. It's like standing up to critique. For example, if you skip homework, you should face the music when grades come out.

## 2. What does it mean to 'blow your own trumpet'?

- A** Play trumpet in a band
- B** Call for attention using a loud noise
- ✓ **C** Brag or boast about yourself
- D** Learn a musical instrument well

**i** 'Blow your own trumpet' means to boast about one's achievements. Similar to announcing loudly one's own greatness with a trumpet. For example, constantly talking about your high scores can be blowing your own trumpet.

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- A** Play a sequence of musical notes
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**i** To 'strike a chord' means to evoke an emotional reaction, to cause you to remember that something is connected to you in some way, like a harmonious note that resonates with feelings. An inspiring story often strikes a chord with its audience, evoking empathy.

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- ☐ A Fix a piano by tuning
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**i** 'Play by ear' refers to dealing with something without prior preparation, like playing a tune without sheet music. Adaptability is key, such as improvising during a meeting when plans change.

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**i** 'Drum up support' means to generate interest or backing, similar to creating a crowd's excitement with drumming. A team leader can drum up enthusiasm for a challenging project.

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- ☐ D Finding a solution

**i** To 'change your tune' means to change your opinion completely, especially because you know it will bring you an advantage (disapproving connotation)

**7.** What does the idiom 'fine tuning' refer to?

- ☐ A Perfecting an instrument's sound
- ☒ B Making small adjustments to improve something
- ☐ C Doing something again
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**i** 'Fine tuning' means adjusting details to enhance functionality, akin to tweaking instrument strings for better sound. A chef might fine tune a recipe by adding spices.

**8.** What is the meaning of 'music to my ears'?

- A** Sharing gossip
- B** Playing an ear-friendly tune
- C** A pleasant sound
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**i** 'Music to my ears' signifies hearing delightful news or comments. As pleasant as favorite melodies. For example, hearing a salary raise announcement can be music to one's ears.

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- A** Not wanting to work in teams
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**i** To 'march to the beat of your own drum' refers to being independent-minded, similar to setting your own rhythm. Freelancers often value marching to their own drum through creative liberties.

**10.** What does it mean to 'hit the right note'?

- A** Take good marks
- B** Guess something well
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**i** 'Hit the right note' means to perform something favorably or accurately. Like a musician striking the perfect chord. For instance, making a powerful presentation that deeply impresses the audience.

**11.** What does 'in tune with someone' imply?

- A** Playing music together
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**i** 'In tune with someone' means to have a good understanding of someone or something, paralleling well-synchronized music. Collaborative teams are often in tune with one another for successful project completion.

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**i** To 'harp on' means to persistently talk about a subject. It's like repetitively playing the same tune on a harp. Teachers might harp on the importance of reading.

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- ☐ A To make a presentation
- ☐ B To begin a project
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**i** 'Set the tone' means to establish a mood or attitude. For example, a teacher beginning the class cheerfully sets a positive tone for students.

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**i** The phrase means manipulating someone skillfully, like a musician playing a fiddle.

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**i** To 'blow the whistle' is to report misconduct, akin to a referee alerting a foul play. A company employee might blow the whistle on unethical practices within their organization.