

## *Live Lesson Notes*

# Singing

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## What you will learn in this worksheet:

Useful links  
ELSA links  
Useful vocabulary  
Styles of singing  
Idioms to talk about singing

## Useful Links

### Download ELSA

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## IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Singing

*Singing is a subtopic within the wider topic of music. In IELTS Speaking you may be asked about your taste in music, bands or singers that you like as well as your own ability in singing.*

*Check out this live lesson about MUSIC.*

*In this lesson we will focus in on singing.*

To sing (v.)

*The verb is conjugated as below*

Sing, sang, sung

a song (n.)

a tune (n.)

I sang last week

I've sung in Spanish

A **catchy** song = *easy to remember*

I have that song stuck in my head

I can't get it out of my head

**To sing + adverb**

To sing beautifully / like an angel / sweetly / badly / terribly

A **melody** = *the tune, not the words*

I like to **hum** melodies

An **upbeat** (=lively) / catchy melody

The **lyrics** (plr.) = the words of a song

*More useful expressions about singing that you can use in IELTS Speaking.*

To sing **in tune** = *to sing well (the right notes)*

To sing **out of tune** = *to sing the wrong notes*

To hold a tune = to sing well

I can't hold a tune to save my life

I've got no **sense of rhythm** (*the rhythm = the beat*)

I'm tone deaf = *can't sing at all - can't hit the right notes*

I'd love to be a singer-songwriter

I like to **sing along with** music

# IELTS Speaking Topic: Styles of Music

Listen to these music clips

Guess the style / genre of music!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Answers:

1. Hip hop
2. Country / folk / bluegrass / Irish
3. Jazz
4. Pop
5. Reggae

*Other genres of music you might sing may include:*

Gospel

Rock

Classical

A cappella (several voices only - no instruments)

Acoustic = unplugged (no electricity)

Soul

Disco

Punk

Alternative (*not popular or mainstream*)

## IELTS Speaking Topic: Singing habits

*Here are some ideas about how and where you may sing, basically these are your singing habits.*

I sing in the shower

I sing Christmas carols now and again

I regularly sing in a **choir** (=a group of singers)

I like to sing **hymns** (*silent 'n'*) at church

I enjoy going down to the **Karaoke** bar

I **hum tunes** whilst working / while driving

Sometimes I **serenade** (=to court someone with a song) my girlfriend with a song

When singing, I only **join in the chorus**, I don't know any **verses**

## IELTS Speaking Idioms about Singing

**To belt out a tune** = *to sing a tune with vigour / loudly*

Jack is a great singer, he can really belt out a tune

**Can't do something for peanuts** = I can't do it at all

I **can't sing for peanuts** = I can't sing at all

**It runs in the family** = Everyone in the family is good at it

I love singing, it runs in the family

**To carry a tune** = to sing well

Don't ask me to sing, I really can't carry a tune

**To change your tune** = to change your idea / mind

Why are you watching Netflix, I thought you didn't like TV, it seems you've changed your tune

**It's music to my ears** = I'm pleased to hear that