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| Anton Bruckner Exercises | museducation.org/263 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (C) | Symphonies | (1) | birthplace of Anton Bruckner |
| (E) | Ansfelden | (2) | Bruckner’s school |
| (E) | Ludwig van Beethoven | (3) | plays the organ |
| (F) | Abbey Grammar School | (4) | Bruckner’s workplace |
| (F) | Organist | (5) | large-scale musical works |
| (I) | Vienna Court Opera | (6) | 19th-century cultural movement |
| (I) | Romanticism | (7) | influenced Bruckner |
| (N) | Posthumously | (8) | after one’s death |
| (T) | Repertoire | (9) | collection of works performed |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (E) | He died in ... | (1) | ... in Ansfelden, Austria. |
| (G) | Bruckner was born ... | (2) | ... Abbey Grammar School. |
| (G) | Bruckner worked as ... | (3) | ... an organist and conductor. |
| (G) | His music style ... | (4) | ... belongs to Romanticism. |
| (L) | Bruckner was influenced ... | (5) | ... by Beethoven and Wagner. |
| (O) | He attended the ... | (6) | ... Vienna on October 11, 1896. |
| (S) | His music is ... | (7) | ... performed and studied worldwide. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was Bruckner’s profession? |
| (R) | Scientist |
| (S) | Organist |
| (V) | Painter |
| 2. | Where was Bruckner born? |
| (A) | In Berlin, Germany |
| (H) | In Ansfelden, Austria |
| (S) | In Vienna, Austria |
| 3. | What style does Bruckner’s music belong to? |
| (A) | Romanticism |
| (N) | Baroque |
| (R) | Classicism |
| 4. | Who influenced Bruckner? |
| (D) | Ludwig van Beethoven |
| (R) | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart |
| (V) | Johann Sebastian Bach |
| 5. | Where did Bruckner die? |
| (A) | In Berlin |
| (O) | In Vienna |
| (S) | In Ansfelden |
| 6. | What is Bruckner’s legacy? |
| (R) | He invented a new musical instrument |
| (V) | He wrote a famous novel |
| (W) | His music is performed and studied worldwide |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| (B) | (V) | 1. Bruckner was born in Ansfelden. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Bruckner was a conductor. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. Bruckner died in Vienna. |
| (A) | (R) | 4. Bruckner was an organist. |
| (N) | (T) | 5. Bruckner’s music was controversial. |
| (E) | (A) | 6. Bruckner was influenced by Beethoven. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What was Bruckner’s early life like?

What did Bruckner study?

What was Bruckner’s professional career?

What is Bruckner’s music style?

What was the criticism and recognition of Bruckner’s music?

What happened in Bruckner’s late years?

What is Bruckner’s legacy?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Anton Bruckner**

**Match terms**

Ansfelden = birthplace of Anton Bruckner

Abbey Grammar School = Bruckner’s school

Organist = plays the organ

Vienna Court Opera = Bruckner’s workplace

Symphonies = large-scale musical works

Romanticism = 19th-century cultural movement

Ludwig van Beethoven = influenced Bruckner

Posthumously = after one’s death

Repertoire = collection of works performed

Keyword: EFFICIENT

**Complete sentences**

Bruckner was born | in Ansfelden, Austria.

He attended the | Abbey Grammar School.

Bruckner worked as | an organist and conductor.

His music style | belongs to Romanticism.

Bruckner was influenced | by Beethoven and Wagner.

He died in | Vienna on October 11, 1896.

His music is | performed and studied worldwide.

Keyword: GOGGLES

**Questions**

What was Bruckner’s profession?

Organist

Where was Bruckner born?

In Ansfelden, Austria

What style does Bruckner’s music belong to?

Romanticism

Who influenced Bruckner?

Ludwig van Beethoven

Where did Bruckner die?

In Vienna

What is Bruckner’s legacy?

His music is performed and studied worldwide

Keyword: SHADOW

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Bruckner was born in Ansfelden.

4. Bruckner was an organist.

5. Bruckner’s music was controversial.

wrong

6. Bruckner was influenced by Beethoven.

2. Bruckner was a conductor.

3. Bruckner died in Vienna.

Keyword: BANANA

**Solution sheet 2**

**Anton Bruckner**

**Questions and answers**

What was Bruckner’s early life like?

Bruckner was born in Ansfelden, Austria, and showed a talent for music at an early age. He was the first of eleven children.

What did Bruckner study?

Bruckner received a comprehensive musical education at the Abbey Grammar School in Kremsmünster, where he learned organ, piano, and music theory. He later studied at the Vienna Conservatory.

What was Bruckner’s professional career?

Bruckner worked as an organist, conductor, and music educator. He became the organist at the Vienna Court Opera in 1868 and later taught at the Vienna Conservatory and the University of Vienna.

What is Bruckner’s music style?

Bruckner is known for his large-scale symphonies. His style belongs to the Romantic period and is influenced by church music. He often used complex structures and long developments.

What was the criticism and recognition of Bruckner’s music?

Bruckner’s music was controversial in his time, with some critics finding it too complex and lengthy. However, he also had many followers who appreciated his innovations.

What happened in Bruckner’s late years?

Bruckner died in Vienna on October 11, 1896. By this time, he was a recognized composer, and many of his works were published posthumously and gained prominence.

What is Bruckner’s legacy?

Today, Anton Bruckner is considered one of the great composers of the Romantic era. His music is performed and studied worldwide, and his symphonies, in particular, have a permanent place in the repertoire of classical music.