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| Jean Sibelius Exercises | museducation.org/290 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (C) | Organic development of themes | (1) | a city in Finland |
| (E) | Swedish-speaking family | (2) | family speaking Swedish |
| (E) | Finlandia | (3) | creating music |
| (E) | Symphonies | (4) | a musical work by Sibelius |
| (E) | Late Romantic | (5) | another musical work by Sibelius |
| (F) | Composition | (6) | large-scale orchestral works |
| (N) | Tone poems | (7) | orchestral music pieces |
| (R) | Hämeenlinna | (8) | gradual evolution of musical themes |
| (R) | Karelia Suite | (9) | a period in music history |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (E) | Sibelius enjoyed an ... | (1) | ... in Hämeenlinna, Finland. |
| (G) | Sibelius was born ... | (2) | ... Helsinki, Berlin and Vienna. |
| (G) | His works include ... | (3) | ... „Finlandia“ and the „Karelia Suite“. |
| (G) | He wrote seven ... | (4) | ... symphonies and numerous tone poems. |
| (L) | His style is ... | (5) | ... often described as late Romantic. |
| (O) | He studied in ... | (6) | ... international reputation. |
| (S) | He died in ... | (7) | ... 1957 at the age of 91. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Sibelius born? |
| (R) | in Berlin, Germany |
| (S) | in Hämeenlinna, Finland |
| (V) | in Helsinki, Finland |
| 2. | What did Sibelius originally want to become? |
| (A) | a conductor |
| (P) | a violinist |
| (S) | a pianist |
| 3. | What is „Finlandia“? |
| (I) | a musical work by Sibelius |
| (N) | a Finnish dish |
| (R) | a city in Finland |
| 4. | How many symphonies did Sibelius write? |
| (A) | nine |
| (R) | seven |
| (V) | five |
| 5. | When did Sibelius die? |
| (A) | in 1900 |
| (I) | in 1957 |
| (S) | in 1865 |
| 6. | What is Sibelius’ style often described as? |
| (R) | early Romantic |
| (T) | late Romantic |
| (V) | Classical |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (L) | (V) | 1. Sibelius was born in Finland. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Sibelius was born in Sweden. |
| (R) | (D) | 3. Sibelius wrote five symphonies. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Sibelius wrote seven symphonies. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Sibelius’ style shows signs of modernism. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Sibelius’ style is purely Romantic. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is Hämeenlinna?

What did Sibelius study?

What are some of Sibelius’ works?

What are symphonies and tone poems?

What is the „organic“ development of themes?

What is the late Romantic period?

What is Sibelius’ significance in music history?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Jean Sibelius**

**Match terms**

Hämeenlinna = a city in Finland

Swedish-speaking family = family speaking Swedish

Composition = creating music

Finlandia = a musical work by Sibelius

Karelia Suite = another musical work by Sibelius

Symphonies = large-scale orchestral works

Tone poems = orchestral music pieces

Organic development of themes = gradual evolution of musical themes

Late Romantic = a period in music history

Keyword: REFERENCE

**Complete sentences**

Sibelius was born | in Hämeenlinna, Finland.

He studied in | Helsinki, Berlin and Vienna.

His works include | „Finlandia“ and the „Karelia Suite“.

He wrote seven | symphonies and numerous tone poems.

His style is | often described as late Romantic.

Sibelius enjoyed an | international reputation.

He died in | 1957 at the age of 91.

Keyword: GOGGLES

**Questions**

Where was Sibelius born?

in Hämeenlinna, Finland

What did Sibelius originally want to become?

a violinist

What is „Finlandia“?

a musical work by Sibelius

How many symphonies did Sibelius write?

seven

When did Sibelius die?

in 1957

What is Sibelius’ style often described as?

late Romantic

Keyword: SPIRIT

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Sibelius was born in Finland.

4. Sibelius wrote seven symphonies.

5. Sibelius’ style shows signs of modernism.

wrong

6. Sibelius’ style is purely Romantic.

2. Sibelius was born in Sweden.

3. Sibelius wrote five symphonies.

Keyword: LADDER

**Solution sheet 2**

**Jean Sibelius**

**Questions and answers**

What is Hämeenlinna?

Hämeenlinna is a city in Finland where Jean Sibelius was born.

What did Sibelius study?

Sibelius studied music in Helsinki, Berlin and Vienna.

What are some of Sibelius’ works?

Some of Sibelius’ works include „Finlandia“ and the „Karelia Suite“.

What are symphonies and tone poems?

Symphonies are large-scale orchestral works and tone poems are orchestral music pieces that tell a story.

What is the „organic“ development of themes?

The „organic“ development of themes is a technique used by Sibelius where musical themes gradually evolve.

What is the late Romantic period?

The late Romantic period is a period in music history characterized by expressive and emotional music.

What is Sibelius’ significance in music history?

Jean Sibelius is a key figure in the late Romantic period and the transition to modern music. His works are known for their originality and emotional depth and are still performed around the world today.