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| Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy Exercises | museducation.org/276 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Gewandhaus Orchestra | (1) | Famous composer of Romantic period |
| (B) | Mendelssohn | (2) | Leader of a music ensemble |
| (E) | Kapellmeister | (3) | Famous orchestra in Leipzig |
| (F) | St. Matthew Passion | (4) | One of Mendelssohn’s famous works |
| (I) | Violin Concerto in E minor | (5) | Another famous work by Mendelssohn |
| (L) | Music historiography | (6) | Well-known Mendelssohn composition |
| (T) | Italian Symphony | (7) | Significant work by J.S. Bach |
| (U) | Scottish Symphony | (8) | Musical genre of 19th century |
| (U) | Romantic music | (9) | Study of music history |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (C) | Mendelssohn became Kapellmeister ... | (1) | ... in Hamburg in 1809. |
| (E) | His best-known works include ... | (2) | ... even as a child. |
| (E) | His music remained influential ... | (3) | ... at a young age. |
| (I) | He showed musical talent ... | (4) | ... the „Italian“ Symphony. |
| (L) | Mendelssohn composed important works ... | (5) | ... in Berlin in 1829. |
| (N) | He performed Bach’s St. Matthew Passion ... | (6) | ... of the Gewandhaus Orchestra. |
| (S) | Mendelssohn was born ... | (7) | ... and is still appreciated today. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Mendelssohn’s birthplace? |
| (G) | Hamburg |
| (R) | Leipzig |
| (V) | Berlin |
| 2. | What is one of Mendelssohn’s famous works? |
| (A) | Italian Symphony |
| (B) | French Symphony |
| (S) | German Symphony |
| 3. | Who performed Bach’s St. Matthew Passion in 1829? |
| (N) | Beethoven |
| (R) | Mendelssohn |
| (T) | Bach |
| 4. | Where did Mendelssohn become a Kapellmeister? |
| (D) | Gewandhaus Orchestra in Leipzig |
| (R) | Vienna Philharmonic |
| (V) | Berlin Philharmonic |
| 5. | What is the genre of Mendelssohn’s music? |
| (A) | Baroque music |
| (E) | Romantic music |
| (S) | Classical music |
| 6. | What is the study of music history called? |
| (N) | Music historiography |
| (R) | Musicology |
| (V) | Ethnomusicology |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| (P) | (V) | 1. Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg. |
| (F) | (U) | 2. Mendelssohn was born in Berlin. |
| (T) | (R) | 3. He composed the „German“ Symphony. |
| (P) | (R) | 4. Mendelssohn composed the „Italian“ Symphony. |
| (L) | (T) | 5. He performed Bach’s St. Matthew Passion. |
| (A) | (E) | 6. Bach performed Mendelssohn’s St. Matthew Passion. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is Mendelssohn’s full name?

What is one of Mendelssohn’s early successes?

What did Mendelssohn do in Leipzig?

Who did Mendelssohn marry?

How many children did Mendelssohn have?

When did Mendelssohn die?

What is Mendelssohn’s significance in music history?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy**

**Match terms**

Mendelssohn = Famous composer of Romantic period

Kapellmeister = Leader of a music ensemble

Gewandhaus Orchestra = Famous orchestra in Leipzig

Scottish Symphony = One of Mendelssohn’s famous works

Italian Symphony = Another famous work by Mendelssohn

Violin Concerto in E minor = Well-known Mendelssohn composition

St. Matthew Passion = Significant work by J.S. Bach

Romantic music = Musical genre of 19th century

Music historiography = Study of music history

Keyword: BEAUTIFUL

**Complete sentences**

Mendelssohn was born | in Hamburg in 1809.

He showed musical talent | even as a child.

Mendelssohn composed important works | at a young age.

His best-known works include | the „Italian“ Symphony.

He performed Bach’s St. Matthew Passion | in Berlin in 1829.

Mendelssohn became Kapellmeister | of the Gewandhaus Orchestra.

His music remained influential | and is still appreciated today.

Keyword: SILENCE

**Questions**

What is Mendelssohn’s birthplace?

Hamburg

What is one of Mendelssohn’s famous works?

Italian Symphony

Who performed Bach’s St. Matthew Passion in 1829?

Mendelssohn

Where did Mendelssohn become a Kapellmeister?

Gewandhaus Orchestra in Leipzig

What is the genre of Mendelssohn’s music?

Romantic music

What is the study of music history called?

Music historiography

Keyword: GARDEN

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg.

4. Mendelssohn composed the „Italian“ Symphony.

5. He performed Bach’s St. Matthew Passion.

wrong

6. Bach performed Mendelssohn’s St. Matthew Passion.

2. Mendelssohn was born in Berlin.

3. He composed the „German“ Symphony.

Keyword: PURPLE

**Solution sheet 2**

**Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy**

**Questions and answers**

What is Mendelssohn’s full name?

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy.

What is one of Mendelssohn’s early successes?

One of his early successes is the overture to „A Midsummer Night’s Dream“.

What did Mendelssohn do in Leipzig?

In Leipzig, Mendelssohn became Kapellmeister of the Gewandhaus Orchestra and helped found the first conservatory in Germany.

Who did Mendelssohn marry?

Mendelssohn married Cécile Charlotte Sophie Jeanrenaud.

How many children did Mendelssohn have?

Mendelssohn and his wife had five children.

When did Mendelssohn die?

Mendelssohn died in 1847.

What is Mendelssohn’s significance in music history?

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy is one of the key figures of the Romantic period. He influenced not only the music of his time, but also music historiography and pedagogy.