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| John Dowland Exercises | museducation.org/296 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Contemporary | (1) | cultural rebirth from 14th-17th century |
| (C) | Lyrics | (2) | plucked string instrument |
| (D) | Lute | (3) | state of deep sadness |
| (E) | Renaissance | (4) | words of a song |
| (I) | Legacy | (5) | existing at the same time |
| (N) | Significance | (6) | capacity to have an effect |
| (O) | Composer | (7) | something left by a predecessor |
| (T) | Influence | (8) | person who writes music |
| (U) | Melancholy | (9) | importance or relevance |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (C) | John Dowland ... | (1) | ... was an English composer. |
| (E) | Dowland collaborated ... | (2) | ... around 1563 in England. |
| (H) | He was born ... | (3) | ... many works for lute. |
| (O) | Dowland composed ... | (4) | ... abroad in Denmark. |
| (P) | He spent several years ... | (5) | ... has a melancholy tone. |
| (P) | His music often ... | (6) | ... with contemporary poets. |
| (R) | His music remains ... | (7) | ... popular today. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was John Dowland born? |
| (F) | in England |
| (R) | in France |
| (V) | in Denmark |
| 2. | What instrument did Dowland compose for? |
| (A) | violin |
| (I) | lute |
| (S) | piano |
| 3. | What tone is Dowland’s music known for? |
| (M) | angry |
| (N) | melancholy |
| (R) | joyful |
| 4. | Who did Dowland collaborate with? |
| (I) | contemporary poets |
| (R) | ancient philosophers |
| (V) | modern artists |
| 5. | Is Dowland’s music still popular? |
| (A) | Only in England |
| (D) | No |
| (S) | Yes |
| 6. | When did John Dowland die? |
| (H) | 1626 |
| (R) | 1563 |
| (V) | 1600 |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| (H) | (V) | 1. John Dowland was born in England. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. John Dowland was born in Denmark. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. Dowland’s music is not known today. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Dowland’s music is still popular. |
| (L) | (T) | 5. Dowland composed music for lute. |
| (A) | (E) | 6. Dowland composed music for piano. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is John Dowland known for?

What is the tone of Dowland’s music?

Who did John Dowland collaborate with?

What instrument did Dowland compose for?

Where did Dowland spend several years?

Is Dowland’s music still played today?

What is Dowland’s significance in the Renaissance?

**Solution sheet 1**

**John Dowland**

**Match terms**

Renaissance = cultural rebirth from 14th-17th century

Lute = plucked string instrument

Melancholy = state of deep sadness

Lyrics = words of a song

Contemporary = existing at the same time

Influence = capacity to have an effect

Legacy = something left by a predecessor

Composer = person who writes music

Significance = importance or relevance

Keyword: EDUCATION

**Complete sentences**

John Dowland | was an English composer.

He was born | around 1563 in England.

Dowland composed | many works for lute.

He spent several years | abroad in Denmark.

His music often | has a melancholy tone.

Dowland collaborated | with contemporary poets.

His music remains | popular today.

Keyword: CHOPPER

**Questions**

Where was John Dowland born?

in England

What instrument did Dowland compose for?

lute

What tone is Dowland’s music known for?

melancholy

Who did Dowland collaborate with?

contemporary poets

Is Dowland’s music still popular?

Yes

When did John Dowland die?

1626

Keyword: FINISH

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. John Dowland was born in England.

4. Dowland’s music is still popular.

5. Dowland composed music for lute.

wrong

6. Dowland composed music for piano.

2. John Dowland was born in Denmark.

3. Dowland’s music is not known today.

Keyword: HANDLE

**Solution sheet 2**

**John Dowland**

**Questions and answers**

What is John Dowland known for?

John Dowland is known for his works for lute and his collaborations with contemporary poets.

What is the tone of Dowland’s music?

The tone of Dowland’s music is often melancholic, as seen in works like „Flow My Tears“.

Who did John Dowland collaborate with?

John Dowland often collaborated with contemporary poets, translating their lyrics into music.

What instrument did Dowland compose for?

Dowland composed many works for the lute, a stringed instrument.

Where did Dowland spend several years?

Dowland spent several years abroad, especially in the service of the Danish royal court.

Is Dowland’s music still played today?

Yes, Dowland’s music is still popular today and is frequently played in concerts and on recordings.

What is Dowland’s significance in the Renaissance?

John Dowland is a central figure in Renaissance music due to his ability to express emotion in music and his masterful treatment of the lute.