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| Isaac Albéniz Exercises | museducation.org/289 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Asturias | (1) | birthplace of Isaac Albéniz |
| (C) | Franz Liszt | (2) | exceptional talent at young age |
| (D) | Child prodigy | (3) | influenced Albéniz’s music |
| (E) | Camprodon | (4) | influenced Albéniz’s music |
| (I) | Claude Debussy | (5) | composition by Albéniz |
| (N) | Romantic music | (6) | composition by Albéniz |
| (O) | Paul Dukas | (7) | friend of Albéniz |
| (T) | Granada | (8) | friend of Albéniz |
| (U) | Frédéric Chopin | (9) | genre of Albéniz’s works |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (C) | His music was ... | (1) | ... child prodigy. |
| (C) | Albéniz also composed ... | (2) | ... in Camprodon, Spain. |
| (E) | He moved to ... | (3) | ... influenced by Chopin. |
| (S) | Albéniz was a ... | (4) | ... operas and orchestral works. |
| (S) | Albéniz fell ill ... | (5) | ... Paris for his career. |
| (S) | His music celebrates ... | (6) | ... in his later years. |
| (U) | He was born ... | (7) | ... Spanish culture and music. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Isaac Albéniz born? |
| (R) | Brussels, Belgium |
| (V) | Paris, France |
| (W) | Camprodon, Spain |
| 2. | What instrument did Albéniz primarily compose for? |
| (A) | Piano |
| (B) | Violin |
| (S) | Guitar |
| 3. | Who were some of Albéniz’s composer friends? |
| (L) | Claude Debussy and Paul Dukas |
| (N) | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Schubert |
| (R) | Johann Sebastian Bach and Ludwig van Beethoven |
| 4. | What genre is Albéniz’s music associated with? |
| (L) | Romantic music |
| (R) | Classical music |
| (V) | Baroque music |
| 5. | What happened to Albéniz in his later years? |
| (A) | He moved to a different country |
| (E) | He fell ill |
| (S) | He started a new career |
| 6. | What is Albéniz’s legacy? |
| (R) | His contributions to French music |
| (T) | His piano works celebrating Spanish music |
| (V) | His innovations in orchestral music |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (R) | (V) | 1. Albéniz was born in Camprodon. |
| (F) | (O) | 2. Albéniz was born in Paris. |
| (R) | (C) | 3. Albéniz composed mainly for guitar. |
| (K) | (R) | 4. Albéniz composed mainly for piano. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Albéniz wrote several operas. |
| (A) | (T) | 6. Albéniz wrote no operas. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Isaac Albéniz’s early life like?

What kind of music did Albéniz compose?

What are some of Albéniz’s famous compositions?

What other types of music did Albéniz compose besides piano music?

What happened to Albéniz when he moved to Paris?

What happened to Albéniz in his later years?

What is Albéniz’s significance in music history?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Isaac Albéniz**

**Match terms**

Camprodon = birthplace of Isaac Albéniz

Child prodigy = exceptional talent at young age

Frédéric Chopin = influenced Albéniz’s music

Franz Liszt = influenced Albéniz’s music

Asturias = composition by Albéniz

Granada = composition by Albéniz

Claude Debussy = friend of Albéniz

Paul Dukas = friend of Albéniz

Romantic music = genre of Albéniz’s works

Keyword: EDUCATION

**Complete sentences**

Albéniz was a | child prodigy.

He was born | in Camprodon, Spain.

His music was | influenced by Chopin.

Albéniz also composed | operas and orchestral works.

He moved to | Paris for his career.

Albéniz fell ill | in his later years.

His music celebrates | Spanish culture and music.

Keyword: SUCCESS

**Questions**

Where was Isaac Albéniz born?

Camprodon, Spain

What instrument did Albéniz primarily compose for?

Piano

Who were some of Albéniz’s composer friends?

Claude Debussy and Paul Dukas

What genre is Albéniz’s music associated with?

Romantic music

What happened to Albéniz in his later years?

He fell ill

What is Albéniz’s legacy?

His piano works celebrating Spanish music

Keyword: WALLET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Albéniz was born in Camprodon.

4. Albéniz composed mainly for piano.

5. Albéniz wrote several operas.

wrong

6. Albéniz wrote no operas.

2. Albéniz was born in Paris.

3. Albéniz composed mainly for guitar.

Keyword: ROCKET

**Solution sheet 2**

**Isaac Albéniz**

**Questions and answers**

What was Isaac Albéniz’s early life like?

Isaac Albéniz was a child prodigy who performed publicly as a pianist at the age of four.

What kind of music did Albéniz compose?

Albéniz composed music that was heavily influenced by Spanish folklore and rhythms.

What are some of Albéniz’s famous compositions?

Some of Albéniz’s famous compositions include „Asturias“ and „Granada“.

What other types of music did Albéniz compose besides piano music?

In addition to piano music, Albéniz also wrote several operas and orchestral works.

What happened to Albéniz when he moved to Paris?

When Albéniz moved to Paris, he became a part of the cultural scene there and made friends with other composers.

What happened to Albéniz in his later years?

In his later years, Albéniz fell ill with a serious illness and withdrew from public life.

What is Albéniz’s significance in music history?

Isaac Albéniz is an important exponent of Romantic music, known for his ability to integrate Spanish folklore into classical forms. His music remains present in the repertoire of pianists and guitarists worldwide.