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| Frédéric Chopin Exercises | museducation.org/280 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Nocturnes | (1) | Music school in Poland |
| (E) | Chronic lung disease | (2) | Musical compositions for piano |
| (H) | Warsaw Conservatory | (3) | Polish dance music pieces |
| (I) | Romantic style | (4) | Ballroom dance music pieces |
| (N) | George Sand | (5) | Emotional, technically demanding music |
| (P) | Polonaises | (6) | French novelist and memoirist |
| (P) | Waltzes | (7) | Long-term respiratory illness |
| (S) | Influential body of work | (8) | Significant contributions to a field |
| (S) | Romantic music | (9) | Music genre of the 19th century |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (E) | His works have had ... | (1) | ... in Poland in 1810. |
| (I) | His music is ... | (2) | ... in 1830. |
| (K) | Chopin suffered from ... | (3) | ... deeply emotional and demanding. |
| (L) | He died in Paris ... | (4) | ... with the writer George Sand. |
| (N) | He had a relationship ... | (5) | ... a chronic lung disease. |
| (R) | He moved to Paris ... | (6) | ... at the age of 39. |
| (W) | Chopin was born ... | (7) | ... a significant impact on music. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Chopin born? |
| (G) | in Poland |
| (R) | in Germany |
| (V) | in France |
| 2. | Where did Chopin move in 1830? |
| (A) | to Paris |
| (B) | to Berlin |
| (S) | to London |
| 3. | What is Chopin known for? |
| (N) | his flute music |
| (R) | his piano music |
| (T) | his violin music |
| 4. | Who did Chopin have a relationship with? |
| (L) | George Sand |
| (R) | Simone de Beauvoir |
| (V) | Marie Curie |
| 5. | What health problem did Chopin have? |
| (A) | liver disease |
| (I) | chronic lung disease |
| (S) | heart disease |
| 6. | Where did Chopin die? |
| (C) | in Paris |
| (R) | in Warsaw |
| (V) | in London |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (C) | (V) | 1. Chopin was born in Poland. |
| (F) | (H) | 2. Chopin had a relationship with George Sand. |
| (R) | (E) | 3. Chopin suffered from a chronic lung disease. |
| (E) | (R) | 4. Chopin moved to Paris in 1830. |
| (S) | (T) | 5. Chopin’s music is deeply emotional. |
| (A) | (E) | 6. Chopin’s works are played worldwide. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What instrument did Chopin specialize in?

What are some of Chopin’s most famous pieces?

What style is Chopin’s music?

Who was George Sand?

What health problems did Chopin have?

When and where did Chopin die?

What is Chopin’s significance in music history?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Frédéric Chopin**

**Match terms**

Warsaw Conservatory = Music school in Poland

Nocturnes = Musical compositions for piano

Polonaises = Polish dance music pieces

Waltzes = Ballroom dance music pieces

Romantic style = Emotional, technically demanding music

George Sand = French novelist and memoirist

Chronic lung disease = Long-term respiratory illness

Influential body of work = Significant contributions to a field

Romantic music = Music genre of the 19th century

Keyword: HAPPINESS

**Complete sentences**

Chopin was born | in Poland in 1810.

He moved to Paris | in 1830.

His music is | deeply emotional and demanding.

He had a relationship | with the writer George Sand.

Chopin suffered from | a chronic lung disease.

He died in Paris | at the age of 39.

His works have had | a significant impact on music.

Keyword: WRINKLE

**Questions**

Where was Chopin born?

in Poland

Where did Chopin move in 1830?

to Paris

What is Chopin known for?

his piano music

Who did Chopin have a relationship with?

George Sand

What health problem did Chopin have?

chronic lung disease

Where did Chopin die?

in Paris

Keyword: GARLIC

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Chopin was born in Poland.

4. Chopin moved to Paris in 1830.

5. Chopin’s music is deeply emotional.

wrong

6. Chopin’s works are played worldwide.

2. Chopin had a relationship with George Sand.

3. Chopin suffered from a chronic lung disease.

Keyword: CHEESE

**Solution sheet 2**

**Frédéric Chopin**

**Questions and answers**

What instrument did Chopin specialize in?

Chopin specialized in the piano, with almost all of his works written for this instrument.

What are some of Chopin’s most famous pieces?

Among Chopin’s most famous pieces are his nocturnes, polonaises, and waltzes.

What style is Chopin’s music?

Chopin’s music is deeply emotional and technically demanding, characteristic of the Romantic style.

Who was George Sand?

George Sand was a French novelist and memoirist who had a long-standing relationship with Chopin.

What health problems did Chopin have?

Chopin had health problems throughout his life, suffering from a chronic lung disease that eventually led to his early death.

When and where did Chopin die?

Chopin died in Paris in 1849 at the age of only 39.

What is Chopin’s significance in music history?

Frédéric Chopin is one of the most important figures in Romantic music. His works, which are played worldwide, have had a significant impact on piano music.