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| Robert Schumann Exercises | museducation.org/306 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Frauenliebe und -leben | (1) | a city in Saxony |
| (E) | Friedrich Wieck | (2) | a state in Germany |
| (I) | Dichterliebe | (3) | person selling books |
| (L) | Johannes Brahms | (4) | Schumann’s piano teacher |
| (N) | Carnaval | (5) | a piano work by Schumann |
| (O) | Saxony | (6) | another piano work by Schumann |
| (P) | Zwickau | (7) | a song cycle by Schumann |
| (T) | Bookseller | (8) | another song cycle by Schumann |
| (T) | Kinderszenen | (9) | a composer encouraged by Schumann |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Schumann studied law ... | (1) | ... was born in Zwickau. |
| (E) | He married Clara Wieck ... | (2) | ... a bookseller. |
| (G) | Robert Schumann ... | (3) | ... before pursuing music. |
| (L) | His father was ... | (4) | ... with Friedrich Wieck. |
| (S) | He took lessons ... | (5) | ... and „Kinderszenen.“ |
| (S) | Schumann composed „Carnaval“ ... | (6) | ... in 1840. |
| (S) | Schumann’s health deteriorated ... | (7) | ... in the late 1840s. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Who was Robert Schumann’s piano teacher? |
| (F) | Friedrich Wieck |
| (R) | Clara Wieck |
| (V) | Johannes Brahms |
| 2. | What did Schumann initially study? |
| (A) | Literature |
| (I) | Law |
| (S) | Music |
| 3. | What is „Carnaval“? |
| (M) | A book by Goethe |
| (N) | A piano work by Schumann |
| (R) | A song by Brahms |
| 4. | Who did Schumann marry? |
| (I) | Clara Wieck |
| (R) | Heinrich Heine |
| (V) | Johannes Brahms |
| 5. | What happened to Schumann in the late 1840s? |
| (A) | He composed „Carnaval“ |
| (D) | He started studying law |
| (S) | His health deteriorated |
| 6. | Who did Schumann encourage? |
| (H) | Johannes Brahms |
| (R) | Friedrich Wieck |
| (V) | Heinrich Heine |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| (C) | (V) | 1. Robert Schumann was born in Zwickau. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Schumann was born in 1910. |
| (R) | (M) | 3. Schumann never played the piano. |
| (E) | (R) | 4. Schumann initially studied law. |
| (R) | (T) | 5. Schumann composed more than 130 songs. |
| (E) | (A) | 6. Schumann was not married to Clara Wieck. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What did Schumann’s father do for a living?

What did Schumann study before deciding to pursue music?

Who did Schumann take piano lessons with?

What are some of the works that Schumann composed?

Who did Schumann marry?

What happened to Schumann in the late 1840s?

What is Schumann’s legacy?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Robert Schumann**

**Match terms**

Zwickau = a city in Saxony

Saxony = a state in Germany

Bookseller = person selling books

Friedrich Wieck = Schumann’s piano teacher

Carnaval = a piano work by Schumann

Kinderszenen = another piano work by Schumann

Dichterliebe = a song cycle by Schumann

Frauenliebe und -leben = another song cycle by Schumann

Johannes Brahms = a composer encouraged by Schumann

Keyword: POTENTIAL

**Complete sentences**

Robert Schumann | was born in Zwickau.

His father was | a bookseller.

Schumann studied law | before pursuing music.

He took lessons | with Friedrich Wieck.

Schumann composed „Carnaval“ | and „Kinderszenen.“

He married Clara Wieck | in 1840.

Schumann’s health deteriorated | in the late 1840s.

Keyword: GLASSES

**Questions**

Who was Robert Schumann’s piano teacher?

Friedrich Wieck

What did Schumann initially study?

Law

What is „Carnaval“?

A piano work by Schumann

Who did Schumann marry?

Clara Wieck

What happened to Schumann in the late 1840s?

His health deteriorated

Who did Schumann encourage?

Johannes Brahms

Keyword: FINISH

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Robert Schumann was born in Zwickau.

4. Schumann initially studied law.

5. Schumann composed more than 130 songs.

wrong

6. Schumann was not married to Clara Wieck.

2. Schumann was born in 1910.

3. Schumann never played the piano.

Keyword: CAMERA

**Solution sheet 2**

**Robert Schumann**

**Questions and answers**

What did Schumann’s father do for a living?

Schumann’s father was a bookseller.

What did Schumann study before deciding to pursue music?

Schumann initially studied law.

Who did Schumann take piano lessons with?

Schumann took piano lessons with Friedrich Wieck.

What are some of the works that Schumann composed?

Schumann composed many works, including „Carnaval“ and „Kinderszenen.“

Who did Schumann marry?

Schumann married Clara Wieck.

What happened to Schumann in the late 1840s?

In the late 1840s, Schumann’s health deteriorated.

What is Schumann’s legacy?

Robert Schumann’s music had a significant impact on the Romantic era. His works are still performed and studied today. He also worked as a music journalist and encouraged young composers such as Johannes Brahms.