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| Antonio Vivaldi Exercises | museducation.org/266 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Baroque | (1) | city in Italy |
| (I) | Priesthood | (2) | religious training institution |
| (I) | Concerto | (3) | religious leadership role |
| (L) | Adaptations | (4) | home for children without parents |
| (P) | Seminary | (5) | musical composition for orchestra |
| (R) | Orphanage | (6) | large-scale musical work |
| (S) | Venice | (7) | revival or rebirth |
| (T) | Oratorio | (8) | artistic style from 17th-18th century |
| (U) | Renaissance | (9) | changes made for a new purpose |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (B) | Vivaldi was born ... | (1) | ... in Venice in 1678. |
| (C) | His music was innovative ... | (2) | ... from his father. |
| (C) | Vivaldi also composed ... | (3) | ... and technically skilled. |
| (E) | His music experienced a renaissance ... | (4) | ... represents a season. |
| (I) | He learned violin ... | (5) | ... many operas and oratorios. |
| (L) | He performed his music ... | (6) | ... in Rome and Vienna. |
| (Y) | Each concerto in „The Four Seasons“ ... | (7) | ... after his death. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What instrument did Vivaldi play? |
| (D) | Violin |
| (R) | Guitar |
| (V) | Piano |
| 2. | What is „The Four Seasons“? |
| (A) | A novel |
| (O) | A concerto for violin and orchestra |
| (S) | A series of paintings |
| 3. | Where did Vivaldi perform his music? |
| (M) | Berlin and Madrid |
| (N) | Rome and Vienna |
| (R) | Paris and London |
| 4. | Who was influenced by Vivaldi’s music? |
| (K) | Johann Sebastian Bach |
| (R) | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart |
| (V) | Ludwig van Beethoven |
| 5. | Where did Vivaldi die? |
| (A) | Rome |
| (E) | Vienna |
| (S) | Venice |
| 6. | What style of music is Vivaldi associated with? |
| (R) | Classical |
| (V) | Romantic |
| (Y) | Baroque |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (P) | (V) | 1. Vivaldi was born in Venice. |
| (F) | (L) | 2. Vivaldi was the youngest of nine children. |
| (R) | (A) | 3. Vivaldi remained a priest throughout his life. |
| (N) | (R) | 4. Vivaldi’s father was a violinist. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. The Four Seasons is a concerto. |
| (A) | (T) | 6. Vivaldi never traveled outside Venice. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Vivaldi’s profession?

What is special about „The Four Seasons“?

Why was Vivaldi called „The Red Priest“?

What did Vivaldi do at the girls’ orphanage in Venice?

What happened to Vivaldi’s music after his death?

What kind of music did Vivaldi write besides instrumental music?

Who were some of the famous composers influenced by Vivaldi?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Antonio Vivaldi**

**Match terms**

Venice = city in Italy

Seminary = religious training institution

Priesthood = religious leadership role

Orphanage = home for children without parents

Concerto = musical composition for orchestra

Oratorio = large-scale musical work

Renaissance = revival or rebirth

Baroque = artistic style from 17th-18th century

Adaptations = changes made for a new purpose

Keyword: SPIRITUAL

**Complete sentences**

Vivaldi was born | in Venice in 1678.

He learned violin | from his father.

His music was innovative | and technically skilled.

Each concerto in „The Four Seasons“ | represents a season.

Vivaldi also composed | many operas and oratorios.

He performed his music | in Rome and Vienna.

His music experienced a renaissance | after his death.

Keyword: BICYCLE

**Questions**

What instrument did Vivaldi play?

Violin

What is „The Four Seasons“?

A concerto for violin and orchestra

Where did Vivaldi perform his music?

Rome and Vienna

Who was influenced by Vivaldi’s music?

Johann Sebastian Bach

Where did Vivaldi die?

Vienna

What style of music is Vivaldi associated with?

Baroque

Keyword: DONKEY

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Vivaldi was born in Venice.

4. Vivaldi’s father was a violinist.

5. The Four Seasons is a concerto.

wrong

6. Vivaldi never traveled outside Venice.

2. Vivaldi was the youngest of nine children.

3. Vivaldi remained a priest throughout his life.

Keyword: PLANET

**Solution sheet 2**

**Antonio Vivaldi**

**Questions and answers**

What was Vivaldi’s profession?

Vivaldi was a composer, violinist, and music teacher.

What is special about „The Four Seasons“?

The Four Seasons is a concerto where each piece represents a different season.

Why was Vivaldi called „The Red Priest“?

Vivaldi was called „The Red Priest“ because of his red hair.

What did Vivaldi do at the girls’ orphanage in Venice?

At the girls’ orphanage, Vivaldi worked as a music teacher and composed many of his works.

What happened to Vivaldi’s music after his death?

After Vivaldi’s death, his music experienced a renaissance.

What kind of music did Vivaldi write besides instrumental music?

Besides instrumental music, Vivaldi also wrote operas and sacred works.

Who were some of the famous composers influenced by Vivaldi?

One of the famous composers influenced by Vivaldi was Johann Sebastian Bach. Some of Bach’s works are adaptations of Vivaldi’s compositions.