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| Johannes Brahms Exercises | museducation.org/294 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Romantic period | (1) | creates music |
| (D) | Symphony | (2) | plays the piano |
| (I) | Concerto | (3) | 19th-century musical era |
| (I) | Requiem | (4) | large-scale orchestral composition |
| (N) | Legacy | (5) | composition for solo instrument |
| (O) | Sonata | (6) | music for small ensemble |
| (R) | Pianist | (7) | musical composition for the dead |
| (T) | Composer | (8) | instrumental composition with several movements |
| (T) | Chamber music | (9) | influence or impact left behind |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | He was born ... | (1) | ... famous German composer. |
| (C) | Brahms grew up ... | (2) | ... in Hamburg in 1833. |
| (E) | Brahms always wore ... | (3) | ... in a musical family. |
| (H) | He began playing ... | (4) | ... the piano at an early age. |
| (I) | Brahms moved to ... | (5) | ... Vienna later in his life. |
| (M) | Brahms was a ... | (6) | ... popular and influential. |
| (N) | His music remained ... | (7) | ... a beard. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Brahms born? |
| (D) | in Hamburg |
| (R) | in Berlin |
| (V) | in Vienna |
| 2. | What instrument did Brahms play? |
| (A) | guitar |
| (E) | piano |
| (S) | violin |
| 3. | Where did Brahms move later in his life? |
| (N) | to Munich |
| (R) | to Berlin |
| (S) | to Vienna |
| 4. | What did Brahms write for? |
| (E) | piano |
| (R) | guitar |
| (V) | violin |
| 5. | What did Brahms always wear? |
| (A) | glasses |
| (R) | a beard |
| (S) | a hat |
| 6. | What was Brahms’ music known for? |
| (R) | its simplicity |
| (T) | its depth, beauty and technical perfection |
| (V) | its lack of emotion |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (D) | (V) | 1. Brahms was born in Hamburg. |
| (F) | (O) | 2. Brahms was born in Vienna. |
| (R) | (L) | 3. Brahms was a famous painter. |
| (L) | (R) | 4. Brahms was a famous composer. |
| (A) | (T) | 5. Brahms moved to Vienna later. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Brahms never lived in Vienna. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Brahms’ profession?

Where was Brahms born and where did he die?

What was Brahms’ music known for?

Who was one of the most important people in Brahms’ life?

What are some of Brahms’ best-known works?

What was an important instrument for Brahms?

What were some of Brahms’ habits?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Johannes Brahms**

**Match terms**

Composer = creates music

Pianist = plays the piano

Romantic period = 19th-century musical era

Symphony = large-scale orchestral composition

Concerto = composition for solo instrument

Chamber music = music for small ensemble

Requiem = musical composition for the dead

Sonata = instrumental composition with several movements

Legacy = influence or impact left behind

Keyword: TRADITION

**Complete sentences**

Brahms was a | famous German composer.

He was born | in Hamburg in 1833.

Brahms grew up | in a musical family.

He began playing | the piano at an early age.

Brahms moved to | Vienna later in his life.

His music remained | popular and influential.

Brahms always wore | a beard.

Keyword: MACHINE

**Questions**

Where was Brahms born?

in Hamburg

What instrument did Brahms play?

piano

Where did Brahms move later in his life?

to Vienna

What did Brahms write for?

piano

What did Brahms always wear?

a beard

What was Brahms’ music known for?

its depth, beauty and technical perfection

Keyword: DESERT

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Brahms was born in Hamburg.

4. Brahms was a famous composer.

5. Brahms moved to Vienna later.

wrong

6. Brahms never lived in Vienna.

2. Brahms was born in Vienna.

3. Brahms was a famous painter.

Keyword: DOLLAR

**Solution sheet 2**

**Johannes Brahms**

**Questions and answers**

What was Brahms’ profession?

Brahms was a famous German composer and pianist.

Where was Brahms born and where did he die?

Brahms was born in Hamburg in 1833 and died in Vienna in 1897.

What was Brahms’ music known for?

Brahms’ music is known for its depth, beauty and technical perfection.

Who was one of the most important people in Brahms’ life?

One of the most important people in Brahms’ life was the composer Robert Schumann.

What are some of Brahms’ best-known works?

Some of Brahms’ best-known works are his four symphonies, his piano concertos, and his chamber music.

What was an important instrument for Brahms?

The piano was an important instrument for Brahms.

What were some of Brahms’ habits?

Brahms had some interesting habits. For example, he liked to go for walks and always wore a beard.