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| Johann Strauss II Exercises | museducation.org/293 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (C) | Composer | (1) | creates musical pieces |
| (D) | Romantic era | (2) | leads a musical performance |
| (I) | Quadrilles | (3) | a short opera |
| (I) | Repertoire | (4) | period emphasizing feelings, fantasy |
| (N) | Operetta | (5) | a type of dance music |
| (N) | Art form | (6) | lasting impact or influence |
| (O) | Conductor | (7) | collection of works performed |
| (O) | Melodies | (8) | sequences of musical notes |
| (T) | Legacy | (9) | creative expression |

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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) | ... was a famous composer. |
| (E) | He composed the operetta ... | (2) | ... in Vienna, Austria. |
| (L) | Johann Strauss 2 ... | (3) | ... also a famous musician. |
| (N) | His father was ... | (4) | ... as the „Waltz King“. |
| (N) | He died in ... | (5) | ... „Die Fledermaus“. |
| (R) | Strauss had two brothers ... | (6) | ... who were musicians. |
| (T) | Strauss is known ... | (7) | ... Vienna in 1899. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is Johann Strauss 2 known as? |
| (F) | Waltz King |
| (R) | Symphony King |
| (V) | Opera King |
| 2. | What did Strauss compose besides waltzes? |
| (A) | Symphonies and sonatinas |
| (E) | Polkas and quadrilles |
| (S) | Sonatas and concertos |
| 3. | What is „Die Fledermaus“? |
| (L) | An operetta composed by Strauss |
| (N) | A ballet composed by Strauss |
| (R) | A symphony composed by Strauss |
| 4. | Who were also musicians in Strauss’s family? |
| (I) | His brothers Josef and Eduard |
| (R) | His cousins Franz and Leopold |
| (V) | His sisters Anna and Maria |
| 5. | Where did Strauss give concerts? |
| (A) | Only in Vienna |
| (N) | Various European countries |
| (S) | Only in Austria |
| 6. | What did Strauss elevate to an art form? |
| (E) | Viennese waltz |
| (R) | Viennese opera |
| (V) | Viennese symphony |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (I) | (V) | 1. Johann Strauss 2 was born in Vienna. |
| (F) | (G) | 2. Strauss was born in 1925. |
| (R) | (L) | 3. He composed only waltzes. |
| (O) | (R) | 4. He composed over 400 waltzes. |
| (O) | (T) | 5. His operetta is „Die Fledermaus“. |
| (A) | (S) | 6. His operetta is „The Bat“. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What is one of Strauss’s most famous works?

What era did Strauss live in?

Who did Strauss often work with?

What type of music did Strauss influence?

Where did Strauss travel for concerts?

What did Strauss continue to do in his later years?

What is the significance of Johann Strauss 2?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Johann Strauss II**

**Match terms**

Composer = creates musical pieces

Conductor = leads a musical performance

Operetta = a short opera

Romantic era = period emphasizing feelings, fantasy

Quadrilles = a type of dance music

Legacy = lasting impact or influence

Repertoire = collection of works performed

Melodies = sequences of musical notes

Art form = creative expression

Keyword: CONDITION

**Complete sentences**

Johann Strauss 2 | was a famous composer.

He was born | in Vienna, Austria.

His father was | also a famous musician.

Strauss is known | as the „Waltz King“.

He composed the operetta | „Die Fledermaus“.

Strauss had two brothers | who were musicians.

He died in | Vienna in 1899.

Keyword: LANTERN

**Questions**

What is Johann Strauss 2 known as?

Waltz King

What did Strauss compose besides waltzes?

Polkas and quadrilles

What is „Die Fledermaus“?

An operetta composed by Strauss

Who were also musicians in Strauss’s family?

His brothers Josef and Eduard

Where did Strauss give concerts?

Various European countries

What did Strauss elevate to an art form?

Viennese waltz

Keyword: FELINE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Johann Strauss 2 was born in Vienna.

4. He composed over 400 waltzes.

5. His operetta is „Die Fledermaus“.

wrong

6. His operetta is „The Bat“.

2. Strauss was born in 1925.

3. He composed only waltzes.

Keyword: IGLOOS

**Solution sheet 2**

**Johann Strauss II**

**Questions and answers**

What is one of Strauss’s most famous works?

One of Strauss’s most famous works is the operetta „Die Fledermaus“.

What era did Strauss live in?

Strauss lived in the Romantic era.

Who did Strauss often work with?

Strauss often worked with his brothers, Josef and Eduard.

What type of music did Strauss influence?

Strauss had a great influence on the development of dance music.

Where did Strauss travel for concerts?

Strauss traveled extensively and gave concerts in various European countries.

What did Strauss continue to do in his later years?

Strauss continued to compose music successfully in his later years.

What is the significance of Johann Strauss 2?

Johann Strauss 2 had a lasting impact on the history of music. His works are an important part of the classical repertoire and his melodies are known worldwide. He elevated the Viennese waltz to an art form.