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| Niccolò Paganini Exercises | museducation.org/300 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Guarneri | (1) | exceptional skill in music |
| (B) | Virtuosity | (2) | famous violin maker |
| (I) | Tuberculosis | (3) | Paganini’s violin |
| (L) | Il Cannone | (4) | technically demanding compositions |
| (L) | Caprices | (5) | period of artistic freedom |
| (N) | Legacy | (6) | composer inspired by Paganini |
| (O) | Franz Liszt | (7) | disease Paganini suffered from |
| (P) | Romantic Era | (8) | lasting influence or impact |
| (T) | Role model | (9) | person admired by others |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (G) | Many violinists see ... | (1) | ... in Genoa, Italy. |
| (I) | He lived during ... | (2) | ... his first teacher. |
| (M) | Paganini was born ... | (3) | ... a Guarneri violin. |
| (N) | His famous works ... | (4) | ... are the 24 Caprices. |
| (N) | He inspired Franz ... | (5) | ... the Romantic Era. |
| (O) | His father was ... | (6) | ... Liszt and others. |
| (R) | He played on ... | (7) | ... him as a role model. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Paganini born? |
| (M) | in Genoa, Italy |
| (R) | in Vienna, Austria |
| (V) | in Rome, Italy |
| 2. | What instrument did Paganini play? |
| (A) | guitar |
| (O) | violin |
| (S) | piano |
| 3. | Who was one of Paganini’s teachers? |
| (N) | Ludwig van Beethoven |
| (R) | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart |
| (T) | Alessandro Rolla |
| 4. | What is the name of Paganini’s violin? |
| (H) | Il Cannone |
| (R) | La Bella |
| (V) | Il Violino |
| 5. | Who was inspired by Paganini? |
| (A) | Richard Wagner |
| (E) | Franz Liszt |
| (S) | Johannes Brahms |
| 6. | Where did Paganini die? |
| (A) | in Genoa |
| (R) | in Nice |
| (V) | in Rome |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (N) | (V) | 1. Paganini was born in Genoa. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Paganini was a pianist. |
| (R) | (E) | 3. Paganini was born in 1882. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Paganini’s first teacher was his father. |
| (L) | (T) | 5. Paganini played on a Guarneri violin. |
| (A) | (E) | 6. Paganini’s violin was called „Il Violino“. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Paganini known for?

What are some of Paganini’s most famous works?

What era did Paganini live in?

How did Paganini’s music reflect the era he lived in?

Who was one composer that Paganini influenced?

What health problems did Paganini have?

What is Paganini’s legacy?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Niccolò Paganini**

**Match terms**

Virtuosity = exceptional skill in music

Guarneri = famous violin maker

Il Cannone = Paganini’s violin

Caprices = technically demanding compositions

Romantic Era = period of artistic freedom

Franz Liszt = composer inspired by Paganini

Tuberculosis = disease Paganini suffered from

Legacy = lasting influence or impact

Role model = person admired by others

Keyword: BALLPOINT

**Complete sentences**

Paganini was born | in Genoa, Italy.

His father was | his first teacher.

He played on | a Guarneri violin.

His famous works | are the 24 Caprices.

He lived during | the Romantic Era.

He inspired Franz | Liszt and others.

Many violinists see | him as a role model.

Keyword: MORNING

**Questions**

Where was Paganini born?

in Genoa, Italy

What instrument did Paganini play?

violin

Who was one of Paganini’s teachers?

Alessandro Rolla

What is the name of Paganini’s violin?

Il Cannone

Who was inspired by Paganini?

Franz Liszt

Where did Paganini die?

in Nice

Keyword: MOTHER

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Paganini was born in Genoa.

4. Paganini’s first teacher was his father.

5. Paganini played on a Guarneri violin.

wrong

6. Paganini’s violin was called „Il Violino“.

2. Paganini was a pianist.

3. Paganini was born in 1882.

Keyword: NEEDLE

**Solution sheet 2**

**Niccolò Paganini**

**Questions and answers**

What was Paganini known for?

Paganini was known for his incredible virtuosity and his ability to play extremely fast runs and difficult techniques.

What are some of Paganini’s most famous works?

Some of Paganini’s most famous works are the 24 Caprices, which are technically very demanding and are often considered milestones of violin literature.

What era did Paganini live in?

Paganini lived during the Romantic period, a time of emotional and artistic freedom.

How did Paganini’s music reflect the era he lived in?

Paganini’s music reflected the Romantic era as it was expressive and passionate.

Who was one composer that Paganini influenced?

Paganini influenced many composers, including Franz Liszt who wanted to master the piano the way Paganini mastered the violin.

What health problems did Paganini have?

Paganini had health problems, including a form of tuberculosis.

What is Paganini’s legacy?

Today, Paganini is considered one of the greatest violinists of all time. His techniques and compositions are still studied and admired, and many violinists see him as a role model.