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**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Light music | (1) | owners of establishments for lodging |
| (F) | Innkeepers | (2) | a type of dance music |
| (I) | Danceable rhythms | (3) | famous piece by Strauss |
| (M) | Joseph Lanner | (4) | composer and Strauss’s rival |
| (N) | Classical music | (5) | easy listening, often instrumental music |
| (O) | Viennese waltz | (6) | tunes that are easily remembered |
| (O) | Festive occasions | (7) | beats suitable for dancing |
| (R) | Radetzky March | (8) | celebrations or parties |
| (T) | Catchy melodies | (9) | traditional genre of music following long-established principles |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Strauss was born ... | (1) | ... in Vienna in 1804. |
| (C) | He became known ... | (2) | ... in small dance orchestras. |
| (E) | Strauss had a rivalry ... | (3) | ... as the „Waltz King“. |
| (I) | His most famous piece ... | (4) | ... is the „Radetzky March“. |
| (N) | He started as a violinist ... | (5) | ... with the composer Joseph Lanner. |
| (N) | He died in 1849 ... | (6) | ... at the age of 45. |
| (T) | His music is characterized ... | (7) | ... by catchy melodies and danceable rhythms. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was Johann Strauss I’s profession? |
| (D) | Composer |
| (R) | Scientist |
| (V) | Painter |
| 2. | Who was Johann Strauss I’s professional rival? |
| (A) | Joseph Lanner |
| (B) | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart |
| (S) | Ludwig van Beethoven |
| 3. | What is one of Strauss’s most famous pieces? |
| (M) | Fifth Symphony |
| (N) | Radetzky March |
| (R) | Blue Danube |
| 4. | What is Strauss’s music often played on? |
| (C) | Festive occasions |
| (R) | Sporting events |
| (V) | Funerals |
| 5. | What genre does Strauss’s music belong to? |
| (A) | Pop music |
| (E) | Classical music |
| (S) | Rock music |
| 6. | What did Strauss contribute significantly to the popularity of? |
| (A) | The polka |
| (R) | The waltz |
| (V) | The tango |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (J) | (V) | 1. Johann Strauss I was born in Vienna. |
| (F) | (U) | 2. Strauss was born in Salzburg. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. Strauss was known as the „Polka King“. |
| (G) | (R) | 4. Strauss was known as the „Waltz King“. |
| (L) | (T) | 5. The „Radetzky March“ is a piece by Strauss. |
| (A) | (E) | 6. The „Blue Danube“ is a piece by Strauss I. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Johann Strauss I’s early life like?

What was Strauss’s career like?

What was Strauss known as?

Who was in Strauss’s family?

Who was Strauss’s professional rival?

What is Strauss’s legacy?

What is Strauss’s significance in the history of music?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Johann Strauss I**

**Match terms**

Innkeepers = owners of establishments for lodging

Viennese waltz = a type of dance music

Radetzky March = famous piece by Strauss

Joseph Lanner = composer and Strauss’s rival

Light music = easy listening, often instrumental music

Catchy melodies = tunes that are easily remembered

Danceable rhythms = beats suitable for dancing

Festive occasions = celebrations or parties

Classical music = traditional genre of music following long-established principles

Keyword: FORMATION

**Complete sentences**

Strauss was born | in Vienna in 1804.

He started as a violinist | in small dance orchestras.

He became known | as the „Waltz King“.

His most famous piece | is the „Radetzky March“.

Strauss had a rivalry | with the composer Joseph Lanner.

He died in 1849 | at the age of 45.

His music is characterized | by catchy melodies and danceable rhythms.

Keyword: ANCIENT

**Questions**

What was Johann Strauss I’s profession?

Composer

Who was Johann Strauss I’s professional rival?

Joseph Lanner

What is one of Strauss’s most famous pieces?

Radetzky March

What is Strauss’s music often played on?

Festive occasions

What genre does Strauss’s music belong to?

Classical music

What did Strauss contribute significantly to the popularity of?

The waltz

Keyword: DANCER

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Johann Strauss I was born in Vienna.

4. Strauss was known as the „Waltz King“.

5. The „Radetzky March“ is a piece by Strauss.

wrong

6. The „Blue Danube“ is a piece by Strauss I.

2. Strauss was born in Salzburg.

3. Strauss was known as the „Polka King“.

Keyword: JUNGLE

**Solution sheet 2**

**Johann Strauss I**

**Questions and answers**

What was Johann Strauss I’s early life like?

Johann Strauss I was born in Vienna in 1804 and grew up in a family of innkeepers. He was attracted to music at an early age.

What was Strauss’s career like?

Strauss began his career as a violinist in small dance orchestras. He then formed his own band and began composing waltzes and other dances.

What was Strauss known as?

Strauss was known as the „Waltz King“ because he popularized the Viennese waltz throughout Europe.

Who was in Strauss’s family?

Strauss’s family included his son Johann Strauss II, who was also a famous composer of waltzes.

Who was Strauss’s professional rival?

Strauss had a professional rivalry with the composer Joseph Lanner. Both contributed to the development of the Viennese waltz.

What is Strauss’s legacy?

Although Strauss died early, he left behind an extensive repertoire that is still performed today. His music, characterized by catchy melodies and danceable rhythms, contributed significantly to the popularity of the waltz.

What is Strauss’s significance in the history of music?

Johann Strauss I is an important figure in the history of dance music. His influence can be felt not only in classical music, but also in light music. His music became a symbol of Austrian culture.