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| Peter Tchaikovsky Exercises | museducation.org/303 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Composition | (1) | school for studying music |
| (A) | Patrons | (2) | creating or writing music |
| (C) | Conservatory | (3) | period of emotional, passionate art |
| (C) | Pathétique | (4) | one of Tchaikovsky’s famous works |
| (E) | Repertoire | (5) | factors that shape someone’s work |
| (L) | Romantic Era | (6) | mental health condition of sadness |
| (L) | Depression | (7) | people who support artists financially |
| (T) | Legacy | (8) | what is left behind after death |
| (U) | Influences | (9) | collection of works performed |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | He studied at ... | (1) | ... in Russia in 1840. |
| (A) | An important person in his life ... | (2) | ... the Saint Petersburg Conservatory. |
| (E) | Some of his famous works ... | (3) | ... for its emotional depths. |
| (G) | Tchaikovsky was born ... | (4) | ... are the „Nutcracker“ and „Swan Lake“. |
| (T) | His music is known ... | (5) | ... by Mozart and Beethoven. |
| (W) | He was influenced ... | (6) | ... was Nadezhda von Meck. |
| (Y) | His music continues ... | (7) | ... to influence musicians today. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Tchaikovsky born? |
| (C) | in Russia |
| (R) | in Germany |
| (V) | in Austria |
| 2. | What is the „Pathétique“? |
| (A) | one of Tchaikovsky’s works |
| (B) | a novel |
| (S) | a famous painting |
| 3. | Who was Nadezhda von Meck? |
| (C) | Tchaikovsky’s patron |
| (N) | Tchaikovsky’s teacher |
| (R) | Tchaikovsky’s wife |
| 4. | When did Tchaikovsky die? |
| (R) | in 1889 |
| (T) | in 1893 |
| (V) | in 1900 |
| 5. | What is Tchaikovsky known for? |
| (A) | his novels |
| (S) | his paintings |
| (U) | his music |
| 6. | Who influenced Tchaikovsky? |
| (R) | Bach and Handel |
| (S) | Mozart and Beethoven |
| (V) | Brahms and Schubert |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (B) | (V) | 1. Tchaikovsky was born in Russia. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Tchaikovsky was born in Austria. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. Tchaikovsky’s teacher was Beethoven. |
| (A) | (R) | 4. Tchaikovsky studied at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory. |
| (N) | (T) | 5. Tchaikovsky’s music is known for its emotional depths. |
| (E) | (A) | 6. Tchaikovsky’s most famous work is the „Moonlight Sonata“. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What instrument did Tchaikovsky start playing at the age of five?

Who was Tchaikovsky’s teacher at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory?

What are some of Tchaikovsky’s most famous works?

What elements did Tchaikovsky bring into his music?

What was Tchaikovsky’s personal life like?

How did Nadezhda von Meck support Tchaikovsky?

What impact has Tchaikovsky had on music history?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Peter Tchaikovsky**

**Match terms**

Conservatory = school for studying music

Composition = creating or writing music

Romantic Era = period of emotional, passionate art

Pathétique = one of Tchaikovsky’s famous works

Influences = factors that shape someone’s work

Depression = mental health condition of sadness

Patrons = people who support artists financially

Legacy = what is left behind after death

Repertoire = collection of works performed

Keyword: CALCULATE

**Complete sentences**

Tchaikovsky was born | in Russia in 1840.

He studied at | the Saint Petersburg Conservatory.

His music is known | for its emotional depths.

Some of his famous works | are the „Nutcracker“ and „Swan Lake“.

He was influenced | by Mozart and Beethoven.

An important person in his life | was Nadezhda von Meck.

His music continues | to influence musicians today.

Keyword: GATEWAY

**Questions**

Where was Tchaikovsky born?

in Russia

What is the „Pathétique“?

one of Tchaikovsky’s works

Who was Nadezhda von Meck?

Tchaikovsky’s patron

When did Tchaikovsky die?

in 1893

What is Tchaikovsky known for?

his music

Who influenced Tchaikovsky?

Mozart and Beethoven

Keyword: CACTUS

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Tchaikovsky was born in Russia.

4. Tchaikovsky studied at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory.

5. Tchaikovsky’s music is known for its emotional depths.

wrong

6. Tchaikovsky’s most famous work is the „Moonlight Sonata“.

2. Tchaikovsky was born in Austria.

3. Tchaikovsky’s teacher was Beethoven.

Keyword: BANANA

**Solution sheet 2**

**Peter Tchaikovsky**

**Questions and answers**

What instrument did Tchaikovsky start playing at the age of five?

Tchaikovsky started playing the piano at the age of five.

Who was Tchaikovsky’s teacher at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory?

Tchaikovsky’s teacher at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory was Anton Rubinstein.

What are some of Tchaikovsky’s most famous works?

Some of Tchaikovsky’s most famous works are the „Nutcracker“, „Swan Lake“ and the „Pathétique“.

What elements did Tchaikovsky bring into his music?

Tchaikovsky brought Russian elements into his music, such as folk songs and dances.

What was Tchaikovsky’s personal life like?

Tchaikovsky’s personal life was complicated. He was homosexual, which was not accepted in his time, and he often suffered from depression.

How did Nadezhda von Meck support Tchaikovsky?

Nadezhda von Meck supported Tchaikovsky financially.

What impact has Tchaikovsky had on music history?

Tchaikovsky has had a lasting impact on music history. He has made Russian music internationally known and his works continue to influence musicians today.