

Topic: Music

Let's get started . . . Did you learn to play a musical instrument as a child? Explain.

Story: Here are choruses from two songs about finding your dream or meeting your goals for your life. First, "**Climb Every Mountain**", from the 1965 musical movie "The Sound of Music":

Climb every mountain
Ford every stream
Follow every rainbow
'Till you find your dream



Second, "**Climb**", from "Hannah Montana: The Movie", 2009:

There's always gonna be another mountain
I'm always gonna wanna make it move
Always gonna be a uphill battle
Sometimes I'm gonna have to lose



In pairs for 10 minutes, talk about the songs:



Compare the ideas in the two songs above. What is the message of each song? Do you agree with the message? Explain.

Share your partner's answers with the group.

Interview 3 people in your class about music they listen to. Write down their names and their answers.



What is your name?	What kind of music do you listen to? Give examples.
Example: Victor	Example: I listen to classical music. I like Vivaldi, Bach and Tchaikovsky.

Discussion Questions - talk in pairs or small groups:

What kind of music would you recommend from your native country:

- ... popular or contemporary?
- ... classical?
- ... folk?
- ... traditional?
- ... other?

Do you have **musical instruments** in your country that you don't see in the United States? Describe them. What kind of music is played on them?

Do you like to **sing**? Did you ever ..

- ... sing karaoke?
- ... sing as part of a group?
- ... sing at home with friends or family?
- ... sing at a wedding?
- ... sing when you knew that no one could hear you?

Do your friends or family sing or play instruments? Explain.



Imagine that you can play any musical instrument really, really well. What instrument will you play? What music will you play? Where will you play it?



In your home country: What instruments are popular? Do most adults play musical instruments? Do children study music in school? Did you ever study music?

New vocabulary: musical instrument, chorus(es), dream, climb, ford (stream), gonna, wanna, uphill battle, message, recommend, popular, contemporary, classical, folk, karaoke

Keep talking about it this week: Ask someone to tell you about their favorite music. Write down their response and be ready to share with the group at the next Talk Time.

More: A video of "Climb Every Mountain" from the Sound of Music,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ot8dGpjDOc8>, A video of "Climb" by Miley Cyrus:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG2zyeVRcbs>