

Bagpipe quiz

Read the article and put the verbs in brackets into the correct form: base form (without “to”), the infinitive with “to” or the “-ing” form.

5 Bagpipe rockers the Red Hot Chilli Pipers have helped us create a music quiz with a difference. Can you _____(name) that tune?



Ever wondered what Lady Gaga would _____(sound) like on the bagpipes? Well now you'll get the chance _____(hear) it for yourself.

10 Scotland.org has teamed up with world famous bagpipe rockers the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and the College of Piping in Glasgow _____(bring) you a music quiz with a difference. We gave the Chilli Pipers nine pop and rock songs and invited them _____(put) their very own ‘bagrock’ *spin* on them. We’re now _____(challenge) you to ‘Name that tune’.

15 No strangers to playing modern music on Scotland’s national instrument, the Chillis were the perfect candidates to help us out. Formed in 2002, the band have become famous for their unique *covers* of rock and pop *tracks* and *unconventional* takes on traditional tunes. The group have since become an international success, taking their ‘bagpipes with attitude’ sound to audiences around the world from New York and Germany to Beijing and India.

Chilli’s founding member and Musical Director Stuart Cassells took time out from his busy schedule _____(talk) to Scotland.org. He said:

20 “We always get a great reception from international *crowds*. We’ve played numerous times across Germany and the USA, but have been just as well received in China and Taiwan. What makes the audience _____(enjoy) the shows is the fun we have on stage. People love that. We have fun _____(perform) and people appreciate that and enjoy the music.”

25 Stuart said that the Chilli’s unique spin on traditional piping is helping _____(introduce) the bagpipes to a new generation.

“The bagpipes are now more popular than they’ve ever been. We try _____(show) how *versatile* the instrument can be, and how much fun you can have _____(play) them.”

30 We asked Stuart what’s so special about the bagpipes. He said:

“The bagpipes are part of Scotland’s national identity, and are played at all major events including weddings, funerals and *Hogmanay*. The best thing about them is how much emotion they evoke. They can make people very happy but also make people _____(feel) sad. It’s a powerful instrument.”

35 Those taking part in Scotland.org's 'Name that Tune' quiz needn't worry about _____ (feel) sad, though, as all of the songs included are sure _____ (get) the toes tapping. Fellow Chilli Piper Dougie McCance, who took on the task of _____ (interpret) the songs for the pipes, said:

40 "Some of the songs were a little bit of a challenge to play on the bagpipes but we're confident that we've managed _____ (put) that unique Red Hot Chilli Piper twist on all of them. We hope people enjoy _____ (guess) what they are."

Next up for the Red Hot Chilli Pipers will be the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the Glasgow International Piping Festival in August. This will be followed by appearances at the Milwaukee and Rocky Mountain Colorado Irish Festivals in August and a tour of Germany in November.

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Vocabulary

Match the definitions below to the underlined words in the text:

- a) songs that are recorded by someone who is not the original performer
- b) different from what most people consider to be usual or normal
- c) in Scotland, the evening of 31st December and the celebrations that happen at that time
- d) informal a way of presenting something, especially a way that makes it seem good
- e) able to be used in many different ways
- f) a large number of people in the same place
- g) songs or pieces of music that are recorded on a CD, tape, or record

Comprehension

True or false? Correct the false sentences.

1. Before making the quiz, the Red Hot Chilli Pipers were not used to playing rock music on the bagpipes.
2. The band is famous for its original tunes.
3. Their concerts have been more successful in Europe than in Asia.
4. The bagpipes are more popular today than they were in the past.
5. Stuart particularly likes the bagpipes because of the emotional reaction they stimulate.
6. The songs in the quiz will probably make you feel sad.

Listen to some covers by the Red Hot Chilli Pipers. Can you "Name that Tune"?