

UNIT 3 >>> My music

1 Discuss these questions in pairs.

Do you prefer listening to music in your own language or in other languages? Why?/Why not?
How important is it to be able to understand the words of a song?

2 Look at the texts below. Which singers perform in two different languages?

A



BEYOND CHAT

Sam: Here's the video I was telling you about!

Nelly: Just opening it ... whoa, he looks really young!

Sam: He's Spanish. 😊 His name's Abraham Mateo.

Nelly: How old is he?

Sam: Only 14 I think ...

Nelly: No way! 😲

Sam: Yeah. People say he's the new Justin Bieber!

Nelly: Does he sing in English?

Sam: Yes, a bit, but most of this song's in Spanish. It's called 'Senorita'.

Nelly: Well, at least I can understand the name of the song!

Sam: It's awesome, isn't it? It's got a great beat.

Nelly: Yeah – and he's a great dancer!



SEND

B

PROFILE: LORDE

WHO IS SHE?

Her real name is Ella Maria Lani Yelich-O'Connor. She's a young singer/songwriter from New Zealand.

WHERE DOES SHE LIVE?

In Auckland, the biggest city in New Zealand, with her mum, dad and two sisters.

WHEN DID SHE START WRITING SONGS?

At the age of 13. Her mum is a poet, so she thinks that's why she's good at writing.

WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DOES SHE MAKE?

Electro rock/pop. That's rock/pop music with an electronic beat.

WHEN DID SHE HAVE HER FIRST HIT?

At the age of 17. Her first single was called 'Royals' and it went to number one in the USA, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and Ireland. She wrote the song in one week during the school holidays.

WHAT ARE HER SONGS ABOUT?

Her experiences of growing up in New Zealand. She says life can be boring there because there isn't much for teenagers to do!

C

Come Closer

by Tarkan Tevetoglu



RATING ★★★★★

At last the Turkish 'Prince of pop' has made an album in English! *Come Closer* is a brilliant mix of traditional Turkish and western pop music. It's difficult to choose, but I think my favourite song is 'Start the Fire' – a dance number that makes you want to move your body! I also love 'Aman Aman', which has a guest performance from the Haitian-American rapper, Wyclef Jean. Tarkan's previous three albums in Turkish have sold millions of copies around the world, but a lot of people in the USA and Britain don't know who he is. When you listen to *Come Closer*, you'll wonder why!

3 Read the texts again and answer the questions.

- Which two singers started making music when they were teenagers? _____, _____
- Who has already been successful in the USA? _____
- What do people sometimes call Tarkan Tevetoglu? _____
- Apart from singing, what can Abraham Mateo do well? _____
- Whose songs are about being young? _____
- How is *Come Closer* different from Tarkan Tevetoglu's other three albums? _____
- Which singer doesn't use his/her real name? _____

4 a Why do you think singers from other countries sometimes choose to record music in English?

b Do any singers from your country successfully record music in English?