

Vocabulary

Cool (no audio)

Cool. So who is an artist that you like?

The listener might say 'cool' to show they are interested in what the speaker says. Notice the following:

1. You play soccer. Cool!
2. How cool!



nice

Nice. So you like to sing, too.

The listener says 'nice' to show they are interested in what the speaker says. Notice the following:

1. I just got a new job.
2. Nice!



instruments

Do you play any other instruments?

Here, *instruments* are musical items like guitar, piano, flute, etc. Notice the following:

1. What instruments do you play?
2. I wish I could play an instrument.



better at

I'm better at guitar.

We use 'better at' to compare abilities. Notice the following:

1. I am better at soccer than any other sport.
2. I am better at the piano than the flute.



pick

I haven't really picked one up yet.

Here, *picked* means *chosen*. Notice the following:

1. Have you picked a name for your dog yet?
2. We just picked the color the paint.



pajamas

That sounds like pajamas.

Pajamas are clothes you wear to bed. Notice the following:

1. I usually don't wear pajamas.
2. Let me put on my pajamas.



Vocabulary Quiz

**nice • cool • better at
pick • instrument • pajamas**

1. The reply 'nice' and ___ mean the same.
2. You got a new car. That's ___!
3. Did you ___ the one you want?
4. I wore my ___ all day.
5. Do you play an ___?
6. I am ___ German than French.

Do you play music?

Josh talks about the kinds of music he likes to listen to and what music he can play.

Shirley: So Josh, I know that you like to play the guitar.

Josh: Yeah.

Shirley: What kind of music do you like?

Josh: Mostly, I play rock but sometimes, I play pop music as well.

Shirley: *Cool*. So who is an artist that you like?

Josh: My favorite artist at the moment is Jason Mraz.

Shirley: Okay. Where does he come from?

Josh: He comes from the States, the US. He plays guitar and sings at the same time.

Shirley: *Nice*. So you like to sing, too.

Josh: Yeah, I like to sing, too.

Shirley: Cool. Okay, do you play any other *instruments*?

Josh: I do. I play the piano as well.

Shirley: *Wow*. You are really very talented.

Josh: Thank you.

Shirley: So when you play piano, do you like to sing as well?

Josh: I don't usually sing when I play piano because I'm not as good at the piano.

Shirley: Oh, I see. So like guitar better than piano or you're better at it?

Josh: I'm *better at* guitar.

Shirley: Okay. Do you have a band?

Josh: I don't have a band, but I hope someday, I will.

Shirley: Hmm, a rock band?

Josh: Maybe.

Shirley: Do you have a name for your rock band?

Josh: No, I haven't really *picked* one up yet.

Shirley: What about Josh and the Jammers?

Josh: That sounds okay, but it's a little long.

Shirley: Yeah. JJ's Jammers.

Josh: That's a little better.

Shirley: Yes. In Australia, that sounds like *pajamas*.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) He mostly likes _____ music.

- a) pop
- b) punk
- c) rock**

2) He plays _____ instruments.

- a) one
- b) two**
- c) three

3) He _____ a band .

- a) has
- b) hopes to have**
- c) does not want

4) He thinks her suggestion is _____ .

- a) silly
- b) really good
- c) too long**

5) His favorite artist is from _____ .

- a) America**
- b) Australia
- c) Austria

Corporate Vocabulary

Milestone

Key stage in a project.

“There are two important schedule milestones due this month.”

"We are approaching two critical milestones scheduled for completion by the end of this month."

Networking

Building professional connections.

“Networking is very important when looking for new customers.”

"Cultivating a robust professional network is pivotal for driving client acquisition."