



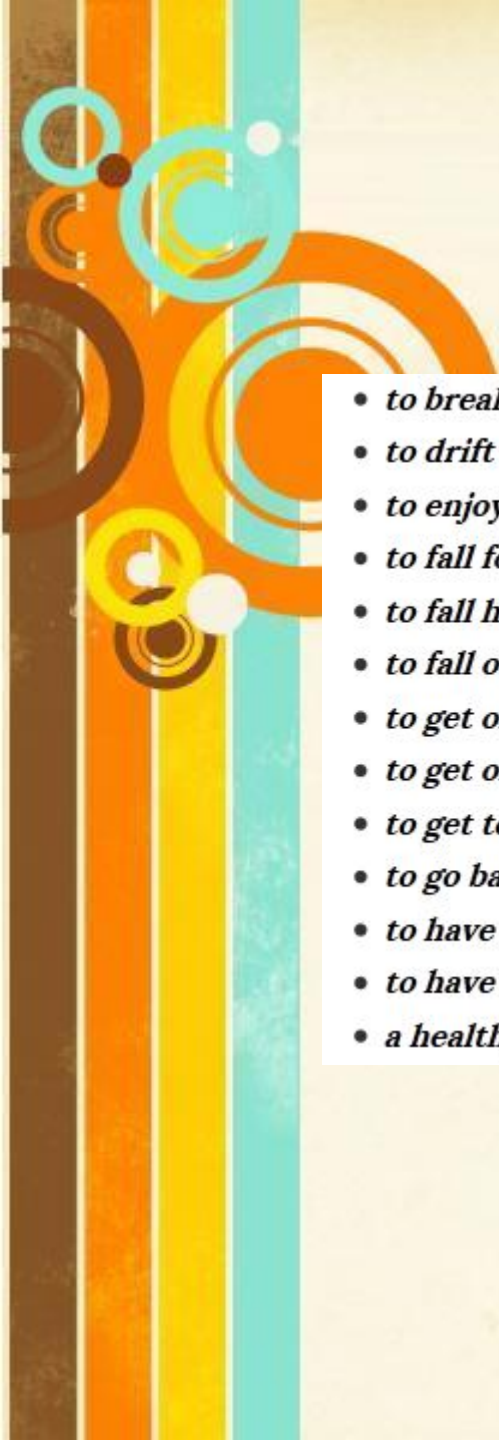
# IELTS Speaking




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# Relationship

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- ***to break up.*** to end a romantic relationship
  - ***to drift apart.*** to become less close to someone
  - ***to enjoy someone's company.*** to like spending time with someone
  - ***to fall for.*** to fall in love
  - ***to fall head over heels in love.*** to start to love someone a lot
  - ***to fall out with.*** to have a disagreement and stop being friends
  - ***to get on like a house on fire.*** to like someone's company very much indeed
  - ***to get on well with.*** to understand someone and enjoy similar interests
  - ***to get to know.*** to begin to know someone
  - ***to go back years.*** to have known someone for a long time
  - ***to have a lot in common.*** to share similar interests
  - ***to have ups and downs.*** to have good and bad times
  - ***a healthy relationship.*** a good, positive relationship

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- ***to be in a relationship***: to be romantically involved with someone
  - ***to be just good friends***: to not be romantically involved
  - ***to keep in touch with***: to keep in contact with
  - ***to lose touch with***: to not see or hear from someone any longer
  - ***love at first sight***: to fall in love immediately you meet someone
  - ***to pop the question***: to ask someone to marry you
  - ***to see eye to eye***: to agree on a subject
  - ***to settle down***: to give up the single life and start a family
  - ***to strike up a relationship***: to begin a friendship
  - ***to tie the knot***: to get married
  - ***to be well matched***: to be similar to
  - ***to work at a relationship***: to try to maintain a positive relationship with someone



# Technology

- **to access websites/email:** to locate
- **to back up files:** to make a copy of files in case of a computer problem
- **to boot up:** to start a computer
- **to bookmark a webpage:** to mark a webpage for future reference
- **to browse websites:** to look at websites
- **a computer buff:** an expert computer user
- **to crash:** to suddenly stop working
- **to cut and paste:** to move text or images from one place in a document to another place
- **a desktop PC:** a computer that isn't portable and remains in situ on a desk
- **digital editing:** to edit digital materials like audio or video files
- **download (podcasts):** to save a copy of a file from the internet to your own device
- **to enter a web address:** to type the address of a website into the address bar of your browser
- **a gadget:** a technological tool like a mobile phone or camera
- **to go online:** to start using the Internet
- **high-spec (laptop):** powerful computer with top quality components

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- **Internet security:** Internet safety
  - **intranet:** a network of connected computers within an organisation that is not accessible by unauthorised visitors
  - **to navigate a website:** to find your way around a website
  - **operating system:** the software that tells the computer how to work
  - **send an attachment:** send an email with an accompanying file
  - **social media:** media used to interact with other people such as Facebook or Twitter
  - **to surf the web:** to look at a series of websites one after the other
  - **a techie:** somebody who has an interest in technology
  - **to upgrade:** to obtain a more powerful or feature-rich computer or piece of software
  - **video conferencing:** to see and hear people from different locations using the Internet
  - **wireless hotspot:** a public place where you can access the Internet
  - **wireless network:** a network where users can access the Internet without the use of fixed cables
  - **word processing:** producing written texts on a computer





# Holiday

- ***all-in package/package holiday***: a holiday where you purchase the travel and accommodation together
- ***breathtaking view***: an extremely beautiful view
- ***charter-flight***: a cheaper form of flying than a scheduled flight
- ***check-in desk***: the place at the airport where you register for your flight and deposit your luggage
- ***departure lounge***: where you wait for your flight to be called
- ***far-off destination***: somewhere a long way away
- ***to get away from it all***: to take a holiday to escape a busy or stressful lifestyle
- ***guided tour***: an organised group shown around a place of interest by an expert
- ***holiday brochure***: a glossy publication with details of holiday packages
- ***holiday destination***: where you go for a holiday
- ***holiday of a lifetime***: a special holiday that you are unlikely to repeat
- ***holiday resort***: a place where lots of people go for a holiday
- ***hordes of tourists***: crowds of tourists
- ***local crafts***: objects produced locally
- ***long weekend***: an extended weekend holiday including Friday or Monday
- ***out of season***: outside of the main holiday period
- ***picturesque village***: very pretty village

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- ***picturesque village***: very pretty village
  - ***passport control***: the place where your passport is checked
  - ***places of interest***: sites of interest to tourists
  - ***wildlife safari***: a holiday, often in Africa, to observe wild animals
  - ***self-catering***: a holiday where you supply your own food
  - ***short break***: a short holiday
  - ***to go sightseeing***: to look around the tourist sites
  - ***stunning landscape***: extremely beautiful countryside
  - ***travel agent***: a shop that specialises in booking holidays
  - ***tourist trap***: somewhere where too many tourists go
  - ***youth hostel***: a cheap form of accommodation




# Sports

- ***an athletics meeting***: an event where various athletics sports are held
- ***an athletics track***: a running track
- ***an away game***: a football match played in the opposing teams stadium
- ***a brisk walk***: a fast walk
- ***to do judo***: (not go or play)
- ***a football fan***: someone who likes football
- ***a fitness programme***: a schedule of activities to keep fit
- ***a football match***: a game of football
- ***a football pitch***: the surface on which you play football (as opposed to a stadium, which is the building)
- ***a football season***: a period in the year when football is played
- ***to get into shape***: to become fit
- ***to go jogging***: to run around the streets
- ***a home game***: a football match played in the teams own stadium
- ***to keep fit***: to stay in good physically condition
- ***to be out of condition***: to not be physically fit

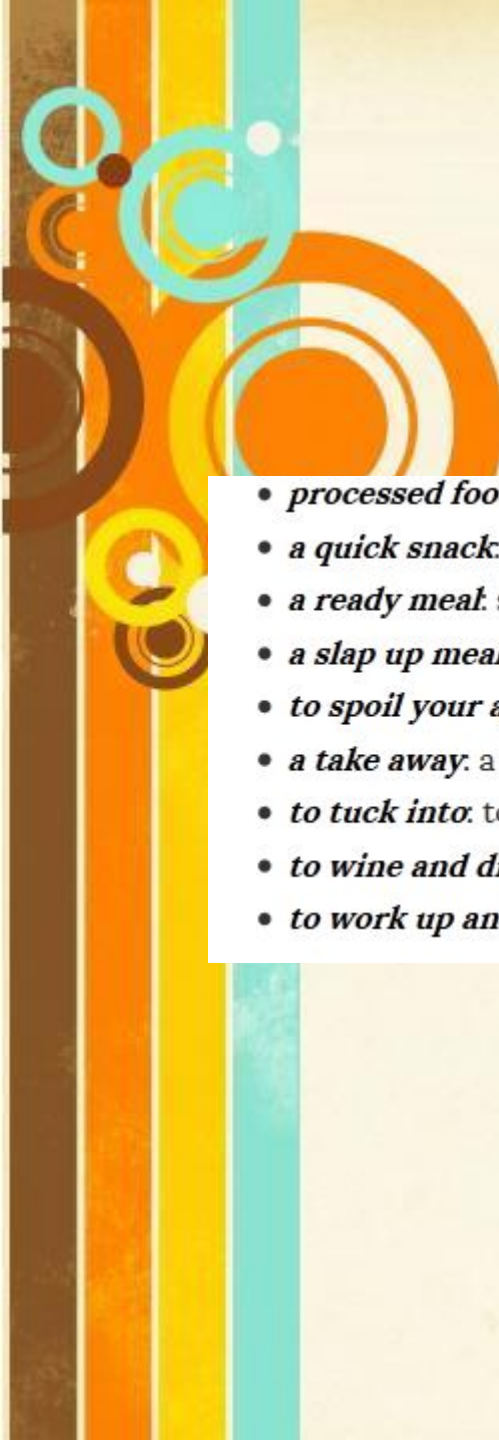
- **to keep fit:** to stay in good physically condition
- **to be out of condition:** to not be physically fit
- **a personal best:** to achieve the best personal result so far in a sport
- **a personal trainer:** a sports coach that helps you on a one-to-one basis
- **to play tennis/football:** (not do or go)
- **to run the marathon:** to run a distance of 42.195 Kilometres
- **a season ticket:** a ticket that gives you entry to most of a team's home games during the sporting year.
- **to set a record:** to achieve the best result in a sport
- **a sports centre:** a public building where people can do various sports
- **sports facilities:** the equipment and services needed to do a sport
- **a squash/tennis/badminton court:** the surface where you play these sports
- **strenuous exercise:** exercise that needs a lot of physical effort
- **a strong swimmer:** a good swimmer
- **a swimming pool:** the place where you swim
- **to take up exercise:** to start doing exercise
- **to train hard:** to train with a lot of effort



# Food

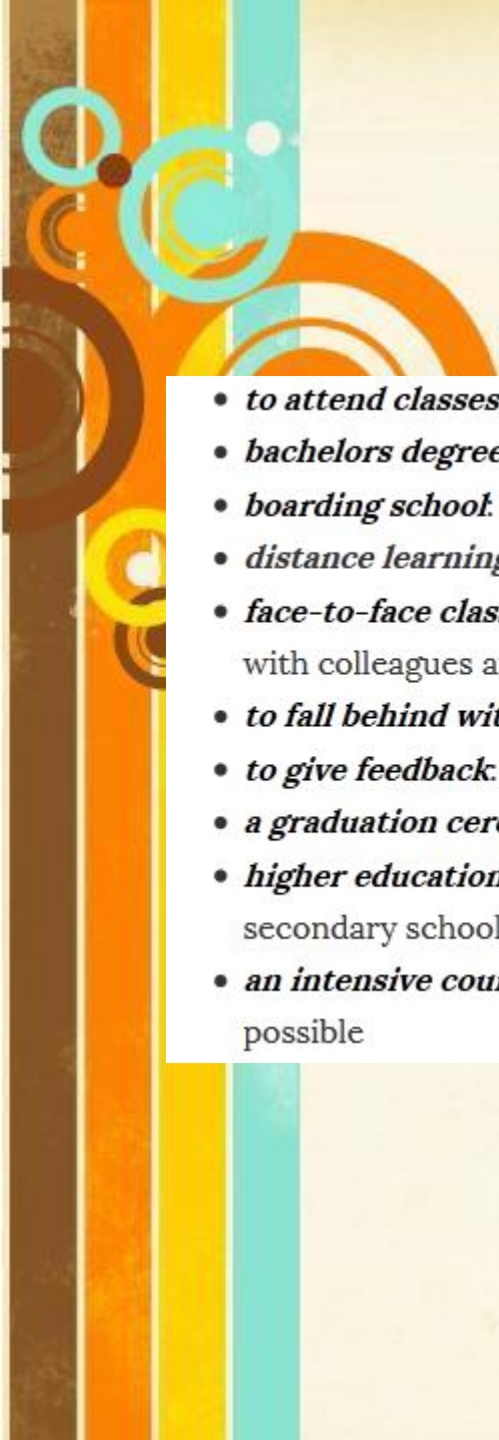
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- ***to be full up.*** to eat to the point that you can no longer eat any more
  - ***to be starving hungry.*** an exaggerated way of saying you are very hungry
  - ***to bolt something down.*** to eat something very quickly
  - ***to be dying of hunger.*** an exaggerated way of saying you are hungry
  - ***to eat a balanced diet.*** to eat the correct types and amounts of food
  - ***to eat like a horse.*** to eat a lot
  - ***to follow a recipe.*** to cook a meal using instructions
  - ***to foot the bill.*** to pay the bill
  - ***a fussy eater.*** somebody who has their own very high standards about what to eat
  - ***to grab a bite to eat.*** to eat something quickly (when you're in a rush)
  - ***to have a sweet tooth.*** to enjoy sugary food
  - ***home-cooked food.*** food cooked at home from individual ingredients
  - ***the main meal.*** the most important meal of the day, usually eaten in the evening
  - ***to make your mouth water.*** to make you feel very hungry for something
  - ***to play with your food.*** to push food around the plate to avoid eating it



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- ***processed food***: commercially prepared food bought for convenience
  - ***a quick snack***: to eat a small amount of food between meals
  - ***a ready meal***: see 'processed food'
  - ***a slap up meal***: a large meal
  - ***to spoil your appetite***: to eat something that will stop you feeling hungry when it's meal-time.
  - ***a take away***: a cooked meal prepared in a restaurant and eaten at home
  - ***to tuck into***: to eat something with pleasure
  - ***to wine and dine***: to entertain someone by treating them to food and drink
  - ***to work up an appetite***: to do physical work that leads to you becoming hungry




# Education

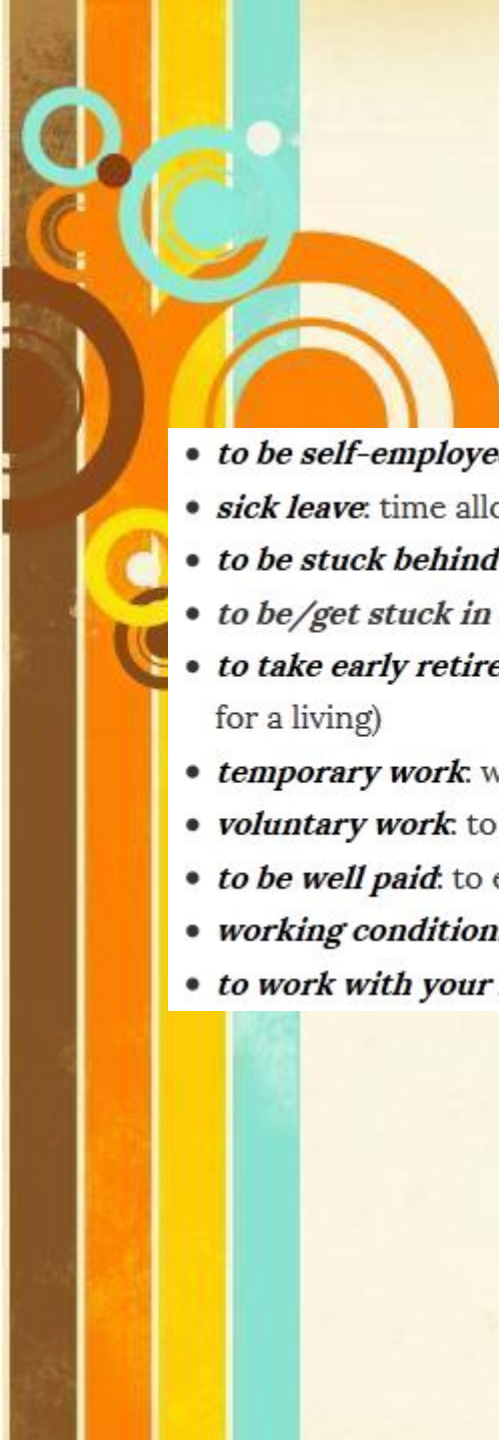
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- **to attend classes:** to go to classes
  - **bachelors degree:** an undergraduate course which usually lasts 3-4 years
  - **boarding school:** a school where pupils live during term time
  - **distance learning:** a way of studying where tuition is carried out over the Internet or by post
  - **face-to-face classes:** as opposed to distance learning the traditional way of studying in a classroom with colleagues and a teacher
  - **to fall behind with your studies:** to progress less quickly than others
  - **to give feedback:** to offer guidance on a student's work
  - **a graduation ceremony:** an event where a successful student receives his or her academic degree
  - **higher education:** education, usually in a college or university, that is followed after high school or secondary school
  - **an intensive course:** a course that offers lots of training in order to reach a goal in as short a time as possible

- ***to keep up with your studies***: to not fall behind
- ***to learn something by heart***: to memorize it
- ***a mature student***: a student who is older than average and who has usually returned to education after a period at work
- ***masters degree***: a period of study which often follows the completion of a bachelors degree or is undertaken by someone regarded as capable of a higher-level academic course
- ***to meet a deadline***: to finish a job or task in the time allowed or agreed
- ***to play truant***: to stay away from classes without permission
- ***private language school***: an independent school run as a business concern
- ***public schools***: exclusive independent schools in the UK
- ***a single-sex school***: a school where only boys or girls attend (as opposed to a mixed-sex school)
- ***to sit an exam***: to take an exam
- ***state school***: a school paid for by public funds and available to the general public
- ***subject specialist***: a teacher who has a great deal of knowledge about the subject they teach.
- ***to take a year out***: to spend a year working or travelling before starting university
- ***tuition fees***: the money paid for a course of study
- ***to work your way through university***: to have a paid job whilst studying to support yourself financially



# Work

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- ***to be called for an interview:*** to be invited to attend an interview
  - ***to be your own boss:*** to have your own business
  - ***a dead-end job:*** a job with no promotional opportunities
  - ***to do a job-share:*** to share the weekly hours of work with another person
  - ***a good team player:*** somebody who can work well with other people
  - ***full-time:*** the number of hours that people usually work in a complete week
  - ***a heavy workload:*** to have a lot of work to do
  - ***a high-powered job:*** an important or powerful job
  - ***holiday entitlement:*** the number of days holiday allowed
  - ***job satisfaction:*** the feeling of enjoying a job
  - ***manual work:*** work that requires physical activity
  - ***maternity leave:*** time off work given to a woman about to have a baby
  - ***to meet a deadline:*** to finish a job by an agreed time
  - ***a nine-to-five job:*** a normal job that consists of an 8 hour day (approximately)
  - ***one of the perks of the job:*** an extra benefit you get from a job
  - ***part-time:*** working less than full-time
  - ***to run your own business:*** see 'to be your own boss'


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- ***to be self-employed***: see 'to be your own boss'
  - ***sick leave***: time allowed off work when sick
  - ***to be stuck behind a desk***: to be unhappy in an office job
  - ***to be/get stuck in a rut***: to be in a boring job that is hard to leave
  - ***to take early retirement***: to retire early (retire: to reach an age when you are allowed to stop working for a living)
  - ***temporary work***: work done for a limited time only
  - ***voluntary work***: to work without pay
  - ***to be well paid***: to earn a good salary
  - ***working conditions***: the hours, salary and other entitlements that comes with the job
  - ***to work with your hands***: to do manual work



# Health




- ***aches and pains***: minor pains that continue over a period of time
- ***to be a bit off colour***: to feel a little ill
- ***to be at death's door***: (informal) to be very ill indeed
- ***to be on the mend***: to be recovering after an illness
- ***to be over the worst***: to have got through the most serious or uncomfortable stage of an illness
- ***to be under the weather***: (informal) to not feel well
- ***a blocked nose***: when the nose has excess fluid due to a cold
- ***to catch a cold***: to get a cold
- ***a check-up***: a physical examination by a doctor
- ***a chesty cough***: a cough caused by congestion around the lungs
- ***cuts and bruises***: minor injuries
- ***to feel poorly***: to feel ill
- ***as fit as a fiddle***: to be very healthy
- ***to go down with a cold***: to become ill
- ***to go private***: to choose to be treated by commercial healthcare rather than by services offered by the state

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- **GP:** General Practitioner (family doctor)
  - **to have a filling:** to have a tooth repaired
  - **to have a tooth out:** to have a tooth removed
  - **a heavy cold:** a bad cold
  - **to make an appointment:** to arrange a time to see the doctor
  - **to make a speedy recovery:** to recover quickly from an illness
  - **to phone in sick:** to call work to explain you won't be attending work due to illness
  - **prescription charges:** money the patient pays for medicine authorised by a doctor
  - **to pull a muscle:** to strain a muscle
  - **a runny nose:** a nose that has liquid coming out of it
  - **a sore throat:** inflammation that causes pain when swallowing




# Movie & Book


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- ***an action movie***: a film with fast moving scenes, often containing violence
  - ***to be engrossed in***: to be completely focused on one thing
  - ***bedtime reading***: something to read in bed before you go to sleep
  - ***to be a big reader***: someone who reads a lot
  - ***to be based on***: to use as a modal
  - ***to be heavy-going***: difficult to read
  - ***a blockbuster***: a film that is a big commercial success
  - ***to catch the latest movie***: to see a film that has just come out
  - ***the central character***: the main person in a film or book
  - ***a classic***: of the highest quality
  - ***to come highly recommended***: to be praised by another person
  - ***couldn't put it down***: wasn't able to stop reading a book
  - ***an e-book***: a digital book

- ***an e-reader***: a device for reading e-books
- ***to flick through***: to look quickly through a book
- ***to get a good/bad review***: to receive positive or negative feedback
- ***to go on general release***: when a film can be seen by the general public
- ***hardback***: a book with a rigid cover (see 'paperback' below)
- ***a historical novel***: a story set in the past
- ***a low budget film***: a film made with a small amount of money
- ***on the big screen***: at the cinema
- ***a page turner***: a book that you want to keep reading
- ***paperback***: a book with a flexible cover (see 'hardback' above)
- ***plot***: the main events in a film or book
- ***to read something from cover to cover***: to read a book from the first page to the last
- ***sci-fi***: science fiction
- ***to see a film***: to see a film at the cinema (see 'watch a film' below)
- ***the setting***: where the action takes place
- ***showings***: performances of a film
- ***soundtrack***: the music that accompanies a film
- ***special effects***: the visuals or sounds that are added to a film which are difficult to produce naturally
- ***to take out (a book from the library)***: to borrow a book from the library
- ***to tell the story of***: to outline the details of someone's life or an event
- ***to watch a film***: to watch a film on TV (see 'to see a film' above)



# Music

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- **adoring fans:** people who love a particular band or singer
  - **background music:** music that is played while something else is happening
  - **a catchy tune:** a song that is easy to remember and makes you want to sing it
  - **classical music:** music that is regarded as part of a long, formal tradition
  - **to download tracks:** to obtain music from the Internet
  - **to have a great voice:** to sing well
  - **to go on tour:** to go on a planned series of performances around a region or country
  - **a huge following:** a large number of fans
  - **live music:** music that is listened to while it is performed (not recorded)
  - **live performance:** (see live music)
  - **a massive hit:** a record that sells lots of copies
  - **a music festival:** music performances at a venue often over several days
  - **musical talent:** skilled at music
  - **to be/sing out of tune:** to not be in harmony/to sing the wrong notes
  - **a piece of music:** an item of music

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- ***to play by ear:*** to play without reading the musical notes
  - ***a pop group:*** a small group of people who play or sing pop music together
  - ***to read music:*** to understand and follow written musical notes
  - ***a rock band:*** a group of musicians that play rock music
  - ***to sing along to:*** to join in singing
  - ***a sing-song:*** to sing informally, often with other people
  - ***a slow number:*** a song with a slow tempo
  - ***to take up a musical instrument:*** to begin learning a musical instrument
  - ***taste in music:*** the music someone likes
  - ***to be tone deaf:*** to be unable to distinguish the different notes in music





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