Listen to the conversation and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

Preparation

Do this exercise before you listen. Match the vocabulary with the definition and write a – c next to the number 1 – 3.

1. band
   a. An object like a piano, guitar or drum that you use to play music.

2. instrument
   b. A time when a band asks new people to sing or play to decide if they can be in the band.

3. audition
   c. A group of people who play music.

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Do this exercise while you listen. Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. The boy wants to be in the band. True False
2. He doesn’t like singing. True False
3. He can’t remember the song on the guitar. True False
4. The boy is good at the drums. True False
5. The girl says she will call him the next day. True False
2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with a phrase from the box.

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Boy: Ah, band auditions. Great! I’d love to be in a band! ... Hi. Is this the ________________________? 

Girl: Hello. Yes. So you’d like to be in our band? 

Boy: Yes, __________________________________________________________________

Girl: Well, we need a singer, a guitarist and a drummer. 

Boy: Oh, __________________________________________________________________!

Girl: OK, so you can sing. Let’s sing the beginning of this song … Right, OK, mmm, maybe not. Can you play an instrument? 

Boy: Er, well, __________________________________________________________________ a little.

Girl: OK, let’s hear you. What can you play? … That’s it? 

Boy: Er, yeah. __________________________________________________________________ any more.

Girl: Erm, can you play the drums? 

Boy: Yeah, sure.

Girl: OK! OK! STOP! That’s enough. Erm, what about the maracas? Can you play the maracas? 

Boy: __________________________________________________________________

Girl: Great, great! Hmm … thanks for coming. I’ll call you next week.