



# Music in the World Language Classroom

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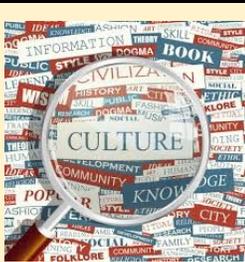
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## Music is not just for music class anymore!

Music helps create an environment of creativity and so much more!

## Cultural Insight



### It Makes it Easy to Celebrate

Music is played at every type of celebration, which includes weddings, graduations, and birthday parties. It's considered to be a way to have fun and let out joy or excitement that you may be experiencing in the moment.

- Play culturally appropriate [holiday music](#).

### Music is a Form of Expression

Musicians are known to express themselves through song and melody to convey how they're feeling in life, which allows listeners to relate and find comfort in the music.

### It Allows Us to Dance

Music prompts people in every culture around the world to dance and express how they feel with movement.

### It Continues to Evolve

Music is never stagnant and continues to change and transform in each time period. New artists often learn various melodies and sounds from historic music and alter it to make it contemporary.

### It's an Art Form

Those who are creative and need an outlet can create different types of music, which allows them to put art out into the world and share it with other individuals. It's something to be shared that is unifying because people can relate to the songs and feel inspired by it.

### Music is Intimate

Music is incredibly intimate and allows artists to convey a message or emotion that they may not be able to communicate with their words and reveals a deeper part of who they are.

- Play the [national anthem](#) of a country being studied.

### It's a Form of Communication

Many people struggle with communicating with others but can say how they feel with a song that they write or have heard, making it easier to express themselves without having fear or intimidation.

Although most people have their own preference on the type of music that they enjoy listening to, each culture can agree that the tunes are an important part of life with expressing ourselves as human beings. By appreciating the art form, it makes it easy to unite and relate to others who are different than ourselves.



## How to incorporate music in the classroom?

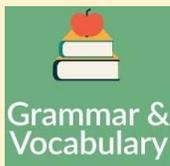


- ★ Use it to build community and classroom management,
- ★ Use it to teach vocabulary/grammar,
- ★ Use it to offer insights into a culture's worldview and history.
- ★ Use it to change the mood.
- ★ Use it for home assignments.
- ★ Use it (to boost creativity and) for extra credit.



## Build Community

Create an environment in which students feel at ease. Give students the opportunity to experience the culture and easily relate to the target language through its' music.



Grammar & Vocabulary

## Teach Grammar & Vocabulary

- An interactive song for all ages
  - [Head, shoulders, knees and toes](#)
- Ir a + infinitive with Marc Anthony....[Lyricstraining.com](#)

**Let's play NOW.....scan the QR code**

**Home page:**

<https://lyricstraining.com>





## Change the Mood

[8 Surprising ways music affects and benefits our brains](#)

90% of students  
love listening to music  
while  
doing homework



Are u one of them ?

## Homework

Student exposure to foreign music doesn't have to be limited to classroom time.

- Assign music apps such as [lyricstraining.com](http://lyricstraining.com) to practice a grammar concept
- Create musical projects–Musical madness
- Include music in a homework choice board
- Look up the lyrics and highlight vocabulary or grammar concepts
  - If you sign up for [Lyricstraining.com](http://Lyricstraining.com) you can create Cloze worksheets for songs.
- Add a new verse or change some of the lyrics to apply a grammar/vocabulary concept
  - Example: La bamba...
    - Chorus..."Baila bamba" (contains a command, ask students to add their original commands such as "Come tacos", "Lee libros")
    - Sing the new songs in class



## Creativity

- Play music before the lesson begins to set the mood.
- Ask students to guess the topic of lesson based on the music.
- Play background music while students are working.
- Play different songs for different transitions.
- Use upbeat music for transitions and brain breaks (see Pinterest and Youtube resources)
- Host a lip sync battle



## More Resources

[Spotify](#) (create your own playlist)

[Pandora](#) (find stations of specific kinds of music)

[YouTube Playlist Resource](#)

My [Pinterest Board Resources](#)

<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/learn-language-through-music/>

[Sra. B's ideas for Spanish class](#)

[A Pinterest Board with ideas](#) (some free)

[Spark Enthusiasm](#) music activities and more

[Teachers Pay Teachers](#) (search "FREE")



## Fun and engaging activities

- Musical Madness (held in March)
  - List of 16 songs compete against each other
- Students create a rap/song and a video to explain a grammar concept
- "Música miércoles" -choose a day of the week that students will look forward to because they will expect a song
- Dance lessons
- Students research artists from different countries present a report with a sample of their music
- Analyze a song as poetry
- Apply Kagan strategies with music to pair students for communicative activities
- Vocabulary and/or grammar Cloze and other activities with the lyrics of a song (you can find many already created)
- Just for fun....[One Semester of Spanish Love Song](#)



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