

## 6.1 *What music is best?*

**Aim:** Practice debating using the vocabulary from Unit 6, Lesson A

**Preparation:** Make one copy of Worksheet 6.1 for every two Ss.

**Comment:** Use after the vocabulary on page 46.

- Ss work in groups of four. Give each group two handouts.
- Explain the task. Tell Ss that they work for a company that specializes in choosing the music for public places. Under each public place on the handout, there are three music choices listed. Explain that each group will discuss and choose the most appropriate genre to be played at each public place.
- Elicit how to use the vocabulary at the bottom of the handout. Write some of the words on the board. Make sure Ss understand *boomer* or *baby boomer*: a person who was born during the *baby boom* in the United States and Europe from 1946 to 1964 – after World War II. This was a time when there was a large increase in the number of babies born.
- Model the task with one S.

**T:** Dance music at Fit City Gym is too monotonous.

**S:** I see your point, but dance music is also uplifting.
- Have groups discuss and then choose one type of music for each place. Groups should make a list of reasons that support their decisions.
- Finally, have a group debate. Encourage Ss to continue to use the vocabulary. The group that debates most effectively gets to choose the genre of music for each public place.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Fit City Gym</b></p> <p>For \$100 a year, people can enjoy swimming in an Olympic-size pool, running on a treadmill, lifting weights, and taking exercise classes such as yoga, Pilates, and Brazilian dance. The gym is an open space with three levels. Although there are no windows, it still gets cold in the winter, and most of the equipment is old and worn out, but everyone agrees it's the best deal in town.</p> <p><i>What music is best: dance, indie rock, or hip hop?</i></p> | <p><b>Great Mall food court</b></p> <p>This new establishment includes more than 20 food stands specializing in cuisines from all over the world. You can find Vietnamese noodles, Polish sausages, French desserts, and a variety of other foods. There is seating for about 500 people, and on the weekends, this place is packed. Families from the suburbs come here to have an affordable meal and relax.</p> <p><i>What music is best: world music, smooth jazz, or classical?</i></p>                                                      |
| <p><b>River Park Skating Rink</b></p> <p>This rink used to be very popular. Now, very few people visit it. The ice is always cracked, the benches need to be repaired, and worst of all, it's located in the busiest part of town. Therefore, you always hear loud traffic. At the moment, the rink is being rebuilt. Hopefully, a new skating floor, a café, and a modern sound system will bring back the crowds.</p> <p><i>What music is best: electronic, pop, or jazz?</i></p>                  | <p><b>Atlantic Arts College cafeteria</b></p> <p>Although the food here tastes terrible, there aren't any other places to eat nearby. So, more than 200 art students – each with a quirky style of their own – use this cafeteria every day. They hate the food, but they love the big tables and the free Wi-Fi. The cafeteria is open from early morning until late evening, and students spend a lot of time here hanging out with friends and working on projects.</p> <p><i>What music is best: indie rock, world music, or hip hop?</i></p> |
| <p><b>Boomers' Place</b></p> <p>Hundreds of retirees come here daily to socialize, swim, work out, and participate in a variety of classes ranging from knitting to Spanish. Most members are under 75. Recently, the name was changed from "Town Senior Center" to "Boomers' Place" because most of the retirees are proud of acting youthful and being physically fit.</p> <p><i>What music is best: folk music, rap, or country?</i></p>                                                          | <p><b>Central Station</b></p> <p>This is a rather busy train station with 30,000 commuters passing through every day. It has six tracks, a crowded information booth, five ticket vending machines (often broken), and many small shops selling candy, magazines, and snacks. People usually rush through the station while trying to catch their trains.</p> <p><i>What music is best: classical, opera, or jazz?</i></p>                                                                                                                        |

|                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Useful vocabulary</b></p> <p>catchy    evocative    exhilarating    frenetic    haunting    monotonous    soothing    uplifting</p> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|