

# Weekly English Practice



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English Coaching Projects

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The original Band Aid and Live Aid projects were set up to combat famine in Ethiopia. This time it's Ebola in West Africa.

## 'BAND AID 30' TO RECORD "DO THEY KNOW IT'S XMAS" AGAIN!

*Another version of this song is to be made.  
Do you want to hear it?*

**take part in:** to participate in an activity  
**be released:** to make s.t. available to buy  
**feature:** to have or show (in this context)  
**mastermind (v):** to make a complex plan  
**advocate (v):** to recommend or support  
**in due course:** at the appropriate time  
**landscape:** countryside  
**filthy:** very unpleasant (in this context)  
**drought-stricken:** affected by low rainfall

What's the difference between Band Aid and Band-Aid?  
Click here to find out:  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Band-Aid>

One Direction, Ed Sheeran and Elbow are among the acts who will **take part in** a fourth version of the Band Aid charity single, Do They Know It's Christmas.

Announcing the project, Bob Geldof and Midge Ure said the song's lyrics would be changed to reflect the Ebola crisis. The original was released in 1984. It sold 3.7 million copies and raised £8m for famine relief in Ethiopia.

The new version will be recorded this Saturday and should be available for **download** on Monday morning. A physical version of the song will **be released** three weeks later and will **feature** cover artwork designed by artist Tracey Emin.

The record is being produced by Paul Epworth, who has **masterminded** hits by the likes of Adele and One Direction. The download will cost 99p, while the CD single will retail for £4. The song will not be made available on Spotify and other music **streaming** services until January.

Geldof and Ure, who **masterminded** the first version, said the project was nothing to do with nostalgia. "We should gather the pop crowd together to do our thing," said Geldof at a press conference on Monday. He added that decisions about which artist will sing which lines are not going to be taken until Saturday's recording session in London, while both musicians **advocated** purchasing the physical format.

So far, confirmed artists include U2's Bono, Chris Martin of Coldplay, Emeli Sande, Underworld, Sinéad O'Connor, Paloma Faith, Foals and Bastille, who have given up two arena dates to record their contribution.

Geldof and Ure said that other musicians would be added **in due course**. The original track featured the voices of George Michael, Bono, Duran Duran and Bananarama, among others.

Geldof said that changes to the lyrics include "burning suns", due to the fertile **landscape** of West Africa compared to **drought-stricken** Ethiopia of 1984. The money raised will go towards the fight against Ebola in numerous West African countries, which Geldof called a "**filthy** little virus" which renders its victims "untouchable".

### “Something to chat about”

- Is the original version of a song always the best?
- If not, what examples can you give to prove your opinion?
- Do you think that making a record is a good way of raising money for charity?
- Can you suggest any other ways that are better?
- Did you hear about "The Ice Bucket Challenge"? What did you think about it?



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# “iLook, iThink, iSpeak” Express yourself better!



Traditional music  
(a Basque Txalaparta)



Inma Shara and the Philharmonic Orchestra



Bob Dylan



Letz Zep, a Led Zeppelin tribute band

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Answer the following questions and explain your reasons.

1. What type of music do you/don't you like?
  2. Do you prefer going to concerts or listening at home?
  3. Do you stream or download music?
  4. Do you think that DJs are musicians?
  5. How much would you pay to see your favourite band/singer/DJ in concert?
  6. What's your favourite OST (Original Sound Track - from a film)?
  7. What are your favourite songs? And your favourite song ever?
- Write your answers in an email and send it to your ECP coach
  - Practice speaking what you have written and then record yourself talking.
  - Listen to the recording and think about what you can improve. Practice again and record it again!

Look at the photos on the left, think about what you see and answer these questions.

1. Do you ever listen to folk or traditional music? What type of instruments are used in folk music in your area?
2. What classical music composers do you know or listen to? Have you ever been to a classical music concert? How are they different to pop or rock concerts?
3. Why do you think artists such as Bob Dylan or the Rolling Stones still play concerts and go on tour around the world?
4. Would you go to see a 'tribute band' of your favourite group? Can they ever be as good as the original artists?