

2° ANO

SEMANA 23

1. Look at the title of the unit and, in small groups, discuss what you think it means.

Answers will vary. The expressions **That's my jam!** and **My jam** mean one's favorite song. As a verb, **jam out** means to move along to a song enthusiastically.

That's my jam!

2. We have carried out a survey to find out what songs people are currently jamming out to. Read part of the interviews and find out. As you read, check your answer to the previous activity.

Interview 1

Reporter: Excuse me. We're doing a survey for the radio station of our town. Would you be kind enough to help out?

Sharon: Sure.

Reporter: Great. What's your jam?

Sharon: My jam?

Reporter: Yeah, your favorite song to sing along to.

Sharon: Hmnn. Right now it's *All of me*, by John Legend. One of the *American Idol* contestants sang it on the show last month and I've been listening to it ever since. I love jamming out to it.

Reporter: Alright. Thank you so much.

Sharon: Uh-huh!



Interview 2

Fun facts

Uh-huh is used

Sharon: Uh-huh!

Interview 2

Reporter: Excuse me. We're doing a survey for the radio station of our town and I was wondering if you'd like to help out.

Tim: A survey?

Reporter: Yeah, a survey. It's about music.

Tim: Well, I'm not that big on music, but I'll try to help.

Reporter: Alright. Could you tell us what your jam is?

Tim: Hmm, I don't have a favorite song. Any gospel song will do.

Reporter: But don't you have a song you find yourself listening to all the time?

Tim: I guess not!

Fun facts

Uh-huh is used in the US to acknowledge thanks. **Yeah** is sometimes used for the same purpose. Although both ways of acknowledging thanks might be understood as rudeness by foreigners, they're really not.

Reporter: There's gotta be a song you jam out to when you are at home showering, for example.

Tim: Oh, come on, men of my age don't do that. But there's actually a song that I listen to pretty often. It's *I believe I can fly*, by R. Kelly.

Reporter: Oh, I love that song. I have it on my MP3 player.

Tim: I'm in the church choir and we love to sing it in our rehearsals. I've sung it solo too.

Reporter: That's awesome. Would you do a cappella for us?

Tim: Oh, no. I shouldn't.

Reporter: Oh, come on. Our listeners would love that.

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Interview 3

Reporter: Excuse me. We're doing a survey for the radio station of our town. Would you be willing to help out?

Miranda: Absolutely.

Reporter: Great. What's your jam?

Miranda: *Set fire to the rain*, by Adele. I've been following her since she debuted in 2008. She's come a long way since then and she has definitely won her place in the top 5 divas I listen to the most.

Reporter: You gotta love Adele.

Miranda: I know, right?

Reporter: Do you like jamming out?

Miranda: I love jamming out. I jam out in the shower, in the kitchen, everywhere!

Reporter: You don't say!

Miranda: Yeah! Watch out for Miranda, Adele!



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3. Read the interviews again and match the words with their definitions.

a) survey

c) contestant

e) rehearsal

g) debut

b) sing along

d) choir

f) a cappella

h) jam out

A situation in which people sing without instrumental accompaniment.

Somebody participating in a contest.

To sing a song with somebody who is singing it.

A situation in which people practice for a public performance.

To dance to music enthusiastically.

An activity that consists of asking people questions in order to find out what they think about something, how they behave, what their interests are, etc.

To perform in public for the first time (as a singer, performer, etc.).

An organized group of singers.

4. Fill in the blanks with the words given.

sing along

contestant

a cappella

rehearsal

debuted

survey

choir

- a) The best thing about Christmas is watching _____
_____ performances. I'm fascinated by vocal
blends.
- b) She sounds great on record, but when she sings
_____, she knocks it out of the park.
- c) In 2012, Lana Del Rey _____ on
Saturday Night Live and her performance has been
deemed the worst ever on the show.

- d) I love this song, but I can't _____
to it. I don't know the words.
- e) I'm doing a _____ to find out
whether or not people think Mick Jagger should
retire. Would you like to help out?
- f) I love music shows. My favorite one is *The Voice*. I
always cheer for the _____ who
sings my favorite songs.
- g) I have a _____ for Saturday's
performance tonight. I can't hang out with you
guys.

5. Now write two sentences using the words listed in
activity 3.

6. Look at the questions below. Then complete the following activities.

What's your jam?

Could you tell us what your jam is?

a) Which is the indirect question?

What's your jam?

Could you tell us what your jam is?

b) Which question is more formal?

What's your jam?

Could you tell us what your jam is?

c) How is the indirect question formed?

The phrase "Could you tell us..." is added and the word order is the same as in affirmative sentences.

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Pay attention!

When direct *yes/no* questions are changed into indirect questions, you may use *whether* or *if*. However, depending on the beginning of the question, *whether* or *if* might not be needed. Study the following examples:

Direct Question	Indirect Question
Do you like music?	Could you tell me if/whether you like music?
Can she sing?	Do you think (that) she can sing?
Will she make it in the music business?	Would you say (that) she will make it in the music business?

7. Rewrite the following questions beginning with the prompts given.

a) How does music make you feel?

Could you tell me _____

b) Did you watch the Grammys this year?

I'd like to know _____
year.

c) Who was John Lennon?

Do you know _____

d) Do you remember the lullabies your parents used to sing?

Could you tell me _____

e) What singers would you like to bring back to life?

I was wondering if you could tell me _____

f) What's your jam?

Could you tell me _____

g) Where do you like to jam out?

I was wondering _____

8. Now pair up and discuss the questions in the previous activity.



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