

Unit 6 Quiz audio script

A [Track 7] Listen to an interview with a musician. Then check true or false.

Interviewer: We're in our studio today with Vaughn O'Keefe, a musician who everyone is listening to these days. Thanks for being with us today, Vaughn.

Vaughn: Thanks for having me, Maria.

Interviewer: What is it like to be Vaughn O'Keefe? I mean, you've had such sudden success after being around for so many years.

Vaughn: Yeah, that came as somewhat of a surprise. You know, I always had faith in what I was doing with my music. I knew people would love it. I just had to find my audience, and it took a few years!

Interviewer: But they're out there now! You're the hottest sound today. How has this sudden fame changed you?

Vaughn: It's really quite humbling. I never expected to be famous, though I always believed in my talents and I knew I had what it takes to make it in the music business. The longer I performed, the more convinced I was that eventually people would notice.

Interviewer: Now, your music is powerful because it encompasses many different genres. What are your influences?

Vaughn: Well, the biggest one is obviously traditional Irish music.

Interviewer: Yes. There's a big Irish sound in your music. Where did that come from?

Vaughn: Well, my father is Irish. His father taught him to play the fiddle at a very early age, and my father taught me when I was four years old. The three of us would play together before my grandfather died. He was an amazing fiddle player.

Interviewer: What else?

Vaughn: I borrow a lot from rap, as you can hear in my latest album. And there are some haunting melodies that I took from traditional Indian chants.

Interviewer: And it's all stirred together in a big pot along with, let's see . . . jazz . . .

Vaughn: Mmm-hmm.

Interviewer: And I've heard a little punk rock in your music. Would you say that's true?

Vaughn: Yes, I guess you could say that. I would listen to a lot of old 1970s punk when I was a kid.

Interviewer: Who are your favorite musicians?

Vaughn: Oh, my grandfather is my all-time favorite. He could play anything. After him, I'd say Dizzy Gillespie, Dr. Dre, and John Lennon.

Interviewer: Wow, that's quite a mix!

Vaughn: That's what my music is about.

Interviewer: Well, how about you play us one of your new songs? . . .