

Unit 6 - The Power of Music New Orleans

How music helped to save a city.

1 As soon as you land at Louis Armstrong airport in New Orleans, you are plunged into a world of music. Wherever you go, whatever you do, there is music in the air.

Yet in 2005 music was tragically turned off after hurricane Katrina had destroyed most of the city. Wherever you looked, everything was under water. Most of the musicians
5 quickly realised that they had no choice but to go away. They had lost everything, even their instruments. The hurricane had deprived the city of its music.

But after a few months, the very musicians who had left New Orleans decided to take action. They got involved in conferences and helped to rebuild the city. They wrote songs about what had happened and they encouraged officials to better protect the city.
10 They went back and with the help of schools they organised concerts and parades. Their music helped the inhabitants to feel closer together and to regain hope in their future.

TASK 1 : READING

- 1) Read the text **aloud**
- 2) Read the text again and **highlight** what you understand

TASK 2 : COMPREHENSION

- 1) **Quote** the text to show that tourists can quickly realise that New Orleans is a "*world of music*".

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- 2) What **happened** in 2005 ?

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- 3) What were the **consequences** ?

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- 4) How did **musicians** help their city ?

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- 5) What were the **consequences** ?

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