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**Level 0 – 9th May 2024**

## **Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is 200 years old**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240509-beethovens-ninth-symphony-0.html>

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was played in Vienna for its 200th anniversary. Beethoven's masterpiece was first played on the 7th of May, 1824. A woman who sang in the choir told the BBC: "It's the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love." She said: "You're lifted up...when you're singing."

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is one of the greatest pieces of music ever written. The fourth movement is called Ode to Joy. A version of this is the anthem of the European Union. The Ode represents peace and international understanding. The singer in the choir said Beethoven's Ninth "moves from the darkness to the light".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c14kv70d1keo>  
<https://www.dw.com/en/beethovens-ninth-symphony-200-years-on/a-68919265>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. its 200th                   | a. to sing      |
| 2. Beethoven's masterpiece was | b. world        |
| 3. A woman who sang            | c. up           |
| 4. It's the whole              | d. first played |
| 5. be able                     | e. singing      |
| 6. this wonderful message      | f. in the choir |
| 7. You're lifted               | g. of love      |
| 8. when you're                 | h. anniversary  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. one of the              | a. the choir             |
| 2. pieces                  | b. understanding         |
| 3. The fourth movement is  | c. of music              |
| 4. the anthem              | d. to the light          |
| 5. The Ode represents      | e. called Ode to Joy     |
| 6. international           | f. greatest              |
| 7. The singer in           | g. peace                 |
| 8. moves from the darkness | h. of the European Union |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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for (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Beethoven's masterpiece was first  
played on the 7th of May, 1824. A (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in  
the choir told the BBC: "It's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to us to be  
able to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ message of love." She said:  
"You're lifted up...(6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the  
greatest (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ever written. The fourth  
movement is called Ode to Joy. A (9) \_\_\_\_\_ is  
the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ European Union. The Ode  
represents peace and international understanding. The  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ choir said Beethoven's Ninth "moves  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ to the light".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BEETHOVEN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240509-beethovens-ninth-symphony-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Beethoven in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

