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Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is 200 years old

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THE ARTICLE

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Beethoven's Ninth Symphony has been played in Vienna to mark the 200th anniversary of its first performance. The premiere of Beethoven's masterpiece took place at a theatre in Austria's capital city on the 7th of May, 1824. Vienna is the city where the German composer lived and worked for much of his life. He composed many of his most famous works there. The anniversary performance earlier this week was conducted by the world-famous Italian conductor Riccardo Muti. A member of the choir told the BBC how happy she was to sing in the 200-year celebration. She said: "It's the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love. You're lifted up...when you're singing."

The Ninth Symphony is believed to be one of the greatest pieces of music ever written. It is also one of the most played and most widely-recognized classical works. The symphony's final part – the fourth movement – is called Ode to Joy. This was revolutionary 200 years ago because it used solo voices and a choir. An adapted version of Ode to Joy is the anthem of the European Union. It is loved and played by orchestras worldwide. In Japan, it is sung each December by a choir of 10,000 singers. The Ode represents peace and international understanding. Heidrun Irene Mittermair, a singer in a Viennese choir, called Beethoven's Ninth, "a wonderful message of love". She added that it "moves from the darkness to the light".

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<https://www.dw.com/en/beethovens-ninth-symphony-200-years-on/a-68919265>
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WARM-UPS

1. BEETHOVEN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Beethoven. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Beethoven / Vienna / premiere / masterpiece / composer / anniversary / conductor / music / classical / joy / choir / orchestra / singers / peace / love / darkness / light

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CLASSICAL MUSIC: Students A **strongly** believe classical music is the best thing to listen to; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MUSICIANS: What are the good and bad things about these musical roles? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Composer		
Conductor		
Pianist		
Drummer		
Violinist		
Guitarist		

5. ANNIVERSARY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "anniversary". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MUSIC GENRES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Classical
- Opera
- Ambient
- Jazz
- Rap
- Electro
- Pop
- Country

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. mark | a. The yearly celebration of a special event, like a wedding or birthday. |
| 2. anniversary | b. The first showing or performance of something, like a movie or play. |
| 3. performance | c. Do something special to remember an event that happened in the past. |
| 4. premiere | d. A group of people who sing together. |
| 5. masterpiece | e. Something amazingly well made or very beautiful. |
| 6. choir | f. A special event or party for someone's birthday or other happy occasion. |
| 7. celebration | g. When someone does something (like singing or dancing) to show their skills in front of others. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. recognized | h. Something that is very good or brings a lot of happiness or joy. |
| 9. revolutionary | i. When something is changed to fit a new situation or purpose. |
| 10. solo | j. A song that is important to a country or group of people. |
| 11. adapted | k. When someone or something is known because of their skills or character. |
| 12. anthem | l. Something that brings big and important changes to how things are done or thought about. |
| 13. represent | m. To symbolize something or someone. |
| 14. wonderful | n. When someone does something alone, without others. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was played in Germany. **T / F**
2. The premiere of the Ninth Symphony was in 1824. **T / F**
3. Beethoven spent a long time living in Austria. **T / F**
4. A chorister was happy to be in the choir and sing a message of love. **T / F**
5. The article says the Ninth Symphony is the best piece of music ever. **T / F**
6. It was common to have choirs in classical music 200 years ago. **T / F**
7. An annual chorus of 10,000 singers sings Beethoven's Ninth in Japan. **T / F**
8. A singer in a choir said the Ninth Symphony was dark. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. mark | a. modified |
| 2. premiere | b. entire |
| 3. works | c. known |
| 4. whole | d. first night |
| 5. wonderful | e. last |
| 6. recognized | f. advances |
| 7. final | g. commemorate |
| 8. adapted | h. globally |
| 9. worldwide | i. compositions |
| 10. moves | j. marvellous |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. mark the 200th anniversary of | a. music ever written |
| 2. The premiere of Beethoven's | b. of the European Union |
| 3. He composed many of his most | c. when you're singing |
| 4. sing this wonderful message | d. of 10,000 singers |
| 5. You're lifted up | e. of love |
| 6. one of the greatest pieces of | f. its first performance |
| 7. The symphony's final part – | g. international understanding |
| 8. Ode to Joy is the anthem | h. famous works there |
| 9. a choir | i. the fourth movement |
| 10. The Ode represents peace and | j. masterpiece |

GAP FILL

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much
member
lifted
mark
whole
premiere
works
celebration

The Ninth Symphony is believed to be one of the greatest (9) _____ of music ever written. It is also one of the most played and most (10) _____ -recognized classical works. The symphony's final part – the fourth movement – is called Ode to Joy. This was (11) _____ 200 years ago because it used solo voices and a choir. An adapted (12) _____ of Ode to Joy is the anthem of the European Union. It is loved and played by orchestras worldwide. In Japan, it is (13) _____ each December by a choir of 10,000 singers. The Ode represents (14) _____ and international understanding. Heidrun Irene Mittermair, a singer in a Viennese (15) _____, called Beethoven's Ninth, "a wonderful (16) _____ of love". She added that it "moves from the darkness to the light".

widely
sung
pieces
choir
version
message
revolutionary
peace

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) played in Vienna to mark the 200th anniversary of _____
 - a. its first perform dance
 - b. its first performers
 - c. its first performance
 - d. its first perform ants
- 2) The premiere of Beethoven's masterpiece took place at a theatre in _____
 - a. Austria's capitals city
 - b. Austria's cap it all city
 - c. Austria's initial city
 - d. Austria's capital city
- 3) He composed many of his most _____
 - a. famously works there
 - b. famous work there
 - c. famous jobs there
 - d. famous works there
- 4) A member of the choir told the BBC how happy she was to sing in the _____
 - a. 200-year celebration
 - b. 200-year celebrates
 - c. 200-year celebrating
 - d. 200-year celebrate shun
- 5) It's the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful _____
 - a. message of love
 - b. message of lovely
 - c. message of loved
 - d. message of loves
- 6) The Ninth Symphony is believed to be one of the greatest pieces of _____
 - a. music ever wrote
 - b. music ever written
 - c. music ever writing
 - d. music ever writ ten
- 7) This was revolutionary 200 years ago because it used solo voices _____
 - a. and a chair
 - b. and a choir
 - c. and a chore
 - d. and a char
- 8) It is loved and played _____
 - a. by orchestral worldwide
 - b. by orchestrates worldwide
 - c. by orchestrate worldwide
 - d. by orchestras worldwide
- 9) a singer in a Viennese choir, called Beethoven's Ninth, " _____ "
 - a. a wonderful messages
 - b. a wonderful messaged
 - c. a wonderful messaging
 - d. a wonderful message
- 10) She added that it "moves from the darkness _____ "
 - a. to the right
 - b. to the bright
 - c. to the light
 - d. to the alight

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where did Beethoven's Ninth Symphony premiere?
2. Where did Beethoven create a lot of his most famous works?
3. What is the nationality of the conductor mentioned in the article?
4. Who told the BBC she was happy?
5. What did a singer say happens to her when she is singing?
6. What movement does the second paragraph talk about?
7. What wasn't commonly used in classical music 200 years ago?
8. Where is Ode to Joy an anthem?
9. How many singers sing each year in a Japanese choir?
10. What did a singer say Beethoven's Ninth moved from?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where did Beethoven's Ninth Symphony premiere?
 - a) London, England
 - b) Munich, Germany
 - c) Vienna, Austria
 - d) New York, USA
- 2) Where did Beethoven create a lot of his most famous works?
 - a) Vienna
 - b) Munich
 - c) Berlin
 - d) Budapest
- 3) What is the nationality of the conductor mentioned in the article?
 - a) German
 - b) Italian
 - c) Finnish
 - d) Austrian
- 4) Who told the BBC she was happy?
 - a) a violinist
 - b) Beethoven's great-great-great granddaughter
 - c) a conductor
 - d) a member of the choir
- 5) What did a singer say happens to her when she is singing?
 - a) She gets nervous.
 - b) She cries.
 - c) She's lifted up.
 - d) She falls in love.
- 6) What movement does the second paragraph talk about?
 - a) the third movement
 - b) the fourth movement
 - c) the second movement
 - d) the first movement
- 7) What wasn't commonly used in classical music 200 years ago?
 - a) conductors
 - b) drums
 - c) sheet music
 - d) voices and choirs
- 8) Where is Ode to Joy an anthem?
 - a) the United Kingdom
 - b) the European Union
 - c) the United States
 - d) Japan
- 9) How many singers sing each year in a Japanese choir?
 - a) 20,000
 - b) 10,000
 - c) 5,000
 - d) 1,000
- 10) What did a singer say Beethoven's Ninth moved from?
 - a) darkness
 - b) noise
 - c) confusion
 - d) hate

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Classical

You think classical is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): opera, rap or electro.

Role B – Opera

You think opera is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, rap or electro.

Role C – Rap

You think rap is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): opera, classical or electro.

Role D – Electro

You think electro is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): opera, rap or classical.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'joy' and 'love'.

joy	love
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mark• capital• life• earlier• member• lifted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ever• final• version• December• peace• darkness
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BEETHOVEN SURVEY

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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.

BEETHOVEN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the name 'Beethoven'?
3. What do you know about Beethoven?
4. What do you know about Beethoven's Ninth Symphony?
5. What do you think of classical music?
6. Why is Beethoven's Ninth Symphony such a classic?
7. Who is the greatest composer ever?
8. What do you think of singing?
9. What music lifts you up?
10. How do you feel when you sing?

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BEETHOVEN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'symphony'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What's the greatest piece of music ever written?
15. What do you think of your country's national anthem?
16. Would you like to see a choir of 10,000 singers?
17. What song or music is a message of love for you?
18. Is classical music the best thing to listen to?
19. Are classical composers better than today's singer-songwriters?
20. What questions would you like to ask an expert on Beethoven?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) plays | (b) played | (c) play | (d) playable |
| 2. | (a) premier | (b) premium | (c) premature | (d) premiere |
| 3. | (a) many | (b) much | (c) any | (d) whole |
| 4. | (a) jobs | (b) duties | (c) works | (d) symphony |
| 5. | (a) choir | (b) chore | (c) chair | (d) choral |
| 6. | (a) whole | (b) all | (c) every | (d) total |
| 7. | (a) wide | (b) widen | (c) width | (d) widely |
| 8. | (a) final | (b) finalist | (c) finals | (d) finally |
| 9. | (a) as | (b) of | (c) by | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) sing | (b) song | (c) sung | (d) sang |
| 11. | (a) spoke | (b) said | (c) called | (d) stated |
| 12. | (a) a | (b) the | (c) whole | (d) their |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. mark the 200th aivnsarnrey
2. its first rrfeecmpoan
3. The rmperiee of Beethoven's masterpiece
4. Austria's pcaalit city
5. the world-famous Italian tondcrcuo
6. sing in the 200-year cnaebrlieot

Paragraph 2

7. lasilcsca works
8. This was yuatvlrrenoio 200 years ago
9. played by rctehsaros worldwide
10. The Ode perneesrst peace
11. a singer in a Viennese rciho
12. it moves from the arssnkde to the light

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () life. He composed many of his most famous works there. The anniversary performance earlier this
- () and international understanding. Heidrun Irene Mittermair, a singer in a Viennese choir, called Beethoven's Ninth,
- () The Ninth Symphony is believed to be one of the greatest pieces of music ever
- () week was conducted by the world-famous Italian conductor Riccardo Muti. A member of the choir told the BBC how happy
- () city on the 7th of May, 1824. Vienna is the city where the German composer lived and worked for much of his
- () sing this wonderful message of love. You're lifted up...when you're singing."
- () performance. The premiere of Beethoven's masterpiece took place at a theatre in Austria's capital
- () written. It is also one of the most played and most widely-recognized classical works. The symphony's final part – the fourth
- () worldwide. In Japan, it is sung each December by a choir of 10,000 singers. The Ode represents peace
- () "a wonderful message of love". She added that it "moves from the darkness to the light".
- () a choir. An adapted version of Ode to Joy is the anthem of the European Union. It is loved and played by orchestras
- () movement – is called Ode to Joy. This was revolutionary 200 years ago because it used solo voices and
- (**1**) Beethoven's Ninth Symphony has been played in Vienna to mark the 200th anniversary of its first
- () she was to sing in the 200-year celebration. She said: "It's the whole world to us to be able to

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. has Ninth Vienna . Symphony been Beethoven's in played
2. the first its Mark 200th performance . anniversary of
3. Vienna is city composer where lived . the the
4. He composed of there . his famous many works
5. said you're lifted you're singing . She up when
6. pieces music ever . the of of greatest One
7. of widely-recognized one works . the classical It's most
8. the of the anthem It Union . European is
9. singers . of choir 10,000 a It's sung by
10. It darkness the from moves the to light .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony has been played in Vienna to *hark / mark* the 200th anniversary of its *first / fast* performance. The *premiere / premier* of Beethoven's masterpiece took place at a theatre in Austria's *initial / capital* city on the 7th of May, 1824. Vienna is the city where the German composer lived and worked for *many / much* of his life. He composed many of his most famous *jobs / works* there. The anniversary performance earlier this week was conducted *by / of* the world-famous Italian conductor Riccardo Muti. A member of the *chair / choir* told the BBC how happy she was to sing in the 200-year *celebrate / celebration*. She said: "It's the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love. You're lifted *up / down*...when you're singing."

The Ninth Symphony is *belief / believed* to be one of the greatest pieces of music ever written. It is also *once / one* of the most played and most widely-recognized classical works. The symphony's *finally / final* part – the fourth movement – is called Ode to Joy. This was revolutionary 200 years ago because it used *solo / solid* voices and a choir. An adapted *vision / version* of Ode to Joy is the anthem of the European Union. It is loved and *playable / played* by orchestras worldwide. In Japan, it is *sang / sung* each December by a choir *on / of* 10,000 singers. The Ode represents peace and international *understand / understanding*. Heidrun Irene Mittermair, a singer in a Viennese choir, called Beethoven's Ninth, "a wonderful message of love". She added that it "moves from the darkness to the *dusk / light*".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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B__th_v_n's N_nth Symph_ny h_s b__n pl_y_d _n V__nn_ t_ m_rk th_ 200th _nn_v_rs_ry _f _ts f_rst p_rf_rm_nc_. Th_ pr_m__r_ _f B__th_v_n's m_st_rp__c_ t__k pl_c_ _t _ th__tr_ _n __str__'s c_p_t_l c_ty _n th_ 7th _f M_y, 1824. V__nn_ _s th_ c_ty wh_r_ th_ G_rm_n c_m_p_s_r l_v_d _nd w_rk_d f_r m_ch _f h_s l_f_. H_ c_m_p_s_d m_ny _f h_s m_st f_m__s w_rks th_r_. Th_ _nn_v_rs_ry p_rf_rm_nc_ __rl__r th_s w__k w_s c_nd_ct_d by th_ w_rld-f_m__s _t_l__n c_nd_ct_r R_cc_rd_ M_t_. _ m_mb_r _f th_ ch__r t_ld th_ BBC h_w h_ppy sh_ w_s t_ s_ng _n th_ 200-y__r c_l_br_t__n. Sh_ s__d: "t's th_ wh_l_ w_rld t_ _s t_ b_ _bl_ t_ s_ng th_s w_nd_rf_l m_ss_g_ _f l_v_. Y__'r_ l_ft_d _p...wh_n y__'r_ s_ng_ng."

Th_ N_nth Symph_ny _s b_l__v_d t_ b_ _n_ _f th_ gr__t_st p__c_s _f m_s_c _v_r wr_tt_n. _t _s _ls_ _n_ _f th_ m_st pl_y_d _nd m_st w_d_ly-r_c_gn_z_d cl_ss_c_l w_rks. Th_ symph_ny's f_n_l p_rt - th_ f__rth m_v_m_nt - _s c_ll_d _d_ t_ J_y. Th_s w_s r_v_l_t__n_ry 200 y__rs _g_ b_c__s_ _t _s_d s_l_v__c_s _nd _ ch__r. _n _d_pt_d v_rs__n _f _d_ t_ J_y _s th_ _nth_m _f th_ __r_p__n _n__n. _t _s l_v_d _nd pl_y_d by _rch_str_s w_rldw_d_. _n J_p_n, _t _s s_ng __ch D_c_mb_r by _ ch__r _f 10,000 s_ng_rs. Th_ _d_ r_pr_s_nts p__c_ _nd _nt_rn_t__n_l _nd_rst_nd_ng. H__dr_n _r_n_ M_tt_rm__r, _ s_ng_r _n _ V__nn_s_ ch__r, c_ll_d B__th_v_n's N_nth, "w_nd_rf_l m_ss_g_ _f l_v_". Sh_ _dd_d th_t _t "m_v_s fr_m th_ d_rkn_ss t_ th_ l_gh_t".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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beethovens ninth symphony has been played in vienna to mark the 200th anniversary of its first performance the premiere of beethovens masterpiece took place at a theatre in austria's capital city on the 7th of may 1824 vienna is the city where the german composer lived and worked for much of his life he composed many of his most famous works there the anniversary performance earlier this week was conducted by the worldfamous italian conductor riccardo muti a member of the choir told the bbc how happy she was to sing in the 200year celebration she said its the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love youre lifted upwhen youre singing

the ninth symphony is believed to be one of the greatest pieces of music ever written it is also one of the most played and most widelyrecognized classical works the symphonys final part the fourth movement is called ode to joy this was revolutionary 200 years ago because it used solo voices and a choir an adapted version of ode to joy is the anthem of the european union it is loved and played by orchestras worldwide in japan it is sung each december by a choir of 10000 singers the ode represents peace and international understanding heidrun irene mittermair a singer in a viennese choir called beethovens ninth a wonderful message of love she added that it moves from the darkness to the light

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Beethoven's Ninth Symphony has been played in Vienna to mark the 200th anniversary of its first performance. The premiere of Beethoven's masterpiece took place at a theatre in Austria's capital city on the 7th of May, 1824. Vienna is the city where the German composer lived and worked for much of his life. He composed many of his most famous works there. The anniversary performance earlier this week was conducted by the world-famous Italian conductor Riccardo Muti. A member of the choir told the BBC how happy she was to sing in the 200-year celebration. She said: "It's the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love. You're lifted up... when you're singing." The Ninth Symphony is believed to be one of the greatest pieces of music ever written. It is also one of the most played and most widely-recognized classical works. The symphony's final part – the fourth movement – is called Ode to Joy. This was revolutionary 200 years ago because it used solo voices and a choir. An adapted version of Ode to Joy is the anthem of the European Union. It is loved and played by orchestras worldwide. In Japan, it is sung each December by a choir of 10,000 singers. The Ode represents peace and international understanding. Heidrun Irene Mittermair, a singer in a Viennese choir, called Beethoven's Ninth, "a wonderful message of love". She added that it "moves from the darkness to the light".

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BEETHOVEN: Make a poster about Beethoven. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LIGHT: Write a magazine article about music always being written to turn darkness into light. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Beethoven. Ask him/her three questions about him. Give him/her three of your opinions on classical music. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. j
6. c	7. e	8. a	9. h	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Vienna, Austria
- Vienna
- Italian
- A member of the choir
- She's lifted up.
- The fourth movement
- Voices and choirs
- The European Union
- 10,000
- Darkness

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Beethoven's Ninth Symphony has been played in Vienna.
- Mark the 200th anniversary of its first performance.
- Vienna is the city where the composer lived.
- He composed many of his famous works there.
- She said you're lifted up when you're singing.
- One of the greatest pieces of music ever.
- It's one of the most widely-recognized classical works.
- It is the anthem of the European Union.
- It's sung by a choir of 10,000 singers.
- It moves from the darkness to the light.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)