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Level 5 Unit 13

Worksheet**THE**  **INDEPENDENT****Slipped discs****Lead-in**

1 The ways in which we buy or access music are constantly changing. Work with a partner or in a small group to look at the following questions.

- 1 How many different ways of listening to music can you think of?
- 2 Which do you normally use?
- 3 How did people listen to music 30–40 years ago?

Reading comprehension (1): understanding general ideas

2 Read through the article quickly. Choose the best subtitle.

- 1 Technology is bringing about the death of the independent record store.
- 2 Independent record store owners are getting creative to turn around declining sales.
- 3 Competition from supermarkets is putting many record stores out of business.

3 Text structure. Which paragraphs deal with the following topics?

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| 1 The decline of the hardcopy single | paras <u>6, 7, 8</u> |
| 2 How record stores are diversifying to keep going | paras _____ |
| 3 The popularity of compilation series | paras _____ |
| 4 The success and decline of record tokens | paras _____ |
| 5 Changes in the type of customers
frequenting independent record stores | paras _____ |
| 6 Popular music charts | paras _____ |

Reading comprehension (2): reading for detail

4 Reading race. Work in a team to find the following information from the text. See which team can finish first.

- 1 The name of the best-selling compilation series of all time

- 2 The number of UK record shops that have closed in the last five years

- 3 The names of two stores which host live gigs

- 4 The age group that frequent record stores today

- 5 The shop that produced its own record token

- 6 The shop that has a cartoon on its carrier bag

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- 7 The number of different types of people frequenting record stores in the 1980s _____
- 8 The record shop where you can get a therapy session _____
- 9 Who set up the first record token scheme _____
- 10 How much the average CD cost in 1988 _____
- 11 Where 'Beatle bricks' come from _____
- 12 Why Radiohead didn't play at Rough Trade East _____
- 13 Where you can find an obscure or rare CD _____
- 14 Who made half his record store into a cafe _____
- 15 The title of a book about independent record stores _____

Vocabulary

5 **Wordsnake.** Find words in the wordsnake to match the meanings below. All the words appear in the text.

drovestokensmoothiescarrierswiftdoomedcultstrive

- 1 quick (para 2) swift
- 2 try hard (para 3) _____
- 3 large groups/crowds of people (para 7) _____
- 4 (noun) a paper ticket exchangeable for goods (paras 8, 9) _____
- 5 (adj.) minimal, symbolic, done to avoid complaint (para 5) _____
- 6 sure to fail, die or be destroyed (para 9) _____
- 7 drinks made of blended whole fruits (para 12) _____
- 8 type of plastic/paper bag with handle used for shopping (para 14) _____
- 9 liked by a small group of people, not mainstream (para 16) _____

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6 Words in context. Choose from the words in the box to complete the phrases taken from the article. Write explanations in your own words opposite using the context to help you. Paragraph numbers are given in brackets.

money	token	hanging	portion	revenue	realm
shot	edge	cultivate	foot	spinner	viable

- 1 kids _____ out (1) spending time
- 2 the _____ of teenagers (3) _____
- 3 _____ more mature customers (3) _____
- 4 a decrease in _____ (4) _____
- 5 a _____ stock (5) _____
- 6 a significant _____ (6) _____
- 7 a _____ practice (6) _____
- 8 _____ itself in the _____ (8) _____
- 9 a real _____ - _____ (11) _____
- 10 they have the _____ (17) _____

7 Complete the sentences using the words from the box in Exercise 6. You may need to change the form of the word.

- 1 Staying open late one night a week will bring the shop additional revenue
- 2 I'll have a _____ of that blueberry pie, please.
- 3 The _____ of women was a complete mystery to him.
- 4 I don't think that idea is _____. It just won't work.
- 5 This new product should sell well. It could be a real _____ - _____ for us.
- 6 I am the _____ woman on the Board of Directors. All the rest are men.
- 7 We'll need an original idea for our project to give us the _____ in the competition.
- 8 Don't _____ yourself in the _____ by telling her why your last girlfriend left you.
- 9 You could _____ a more sophisticated image by getting a decent haircut.
- 10 On Friday evenings we usually go down to the park and _____ out with our mates.

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e.g. So swift has been the decline ...' (para 2)

'Gone are the majority of singles CDs ...' (para 3)

- In what ways has the normal word order been changed?
- What effect does this have?

Rewrite the following sentences, changing the word order of the phrases in italics to make them more emphatic.

1 *She was so enthusiastic* about our new venture, that we immediately offered her the job.

2 *The days of our youth are lost and gone.*

3 *You get up now*, and go and wash your hands.

4 *His recovery was so remarkable*, that even his doctors were surprised.

5 *We knew little* about his criminal past.

6 *Her pronunciation was so perfect* that everyone took her for a Spaniard.

Discussion**9 Discuss the following questions in small groups.**

- 1 How does the situation regarding UK independent record stores compare with that in your own country?
- 2 What do you know about the latest developments in accessing music on the Internet?
- 3 Do you think musicians are fairly rewarded?

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