

English on the air

الانجليزية على الهواء

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Comprehension

فهم

Today's Reading:

- **Psalm 150:** Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies; Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness; Praise with a blast on the **trumpet**, praise by **strumming soft strings**; Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with **banjo** and **flute**; Praise him with **cymbals** and a big bass **drum**, praise him with **fiddles** and **mandolin**. Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah!

قراءة اليوم:

- مزمور 150: هلويا! سبحوا الله في هيكله. سبحوه في السماء التي صنعها بقدرته سبحوه من أجل أعماله المقتدرة. سبحوه حسب عظمته الفائقة. سبحوه بصوت بوق. سبحوه بالرباب والعود. سبحوه بالدف والرقص. سبحوه بأوتار ومزمار. سبحوه على وقع الصنوج. سبحوه بالصنوج المداوية. لتسبح الرب كل نسمة. هلويا.

Vocabulary

مفردات ومعاني

الموسيقى / Music

Accordion	الأكورديون	Keyboard	لوحة المفاتيح للأرغن أو الحاسوب
Bell	جرس		
Cello	كمنجة كبيرة أو تشيلو	Lyre	قيثارة
Cymbals	صنج	Piano	بيانو
Drum	طبلة أو طبل	Saxophone	ساكسوفون
Drumsticks	أعواد الطبل	Strings	أوتار
Fiddle	كمان (كفعل: عزف على الكمان أو أوضاع الوقت عبثاً)	Tambourine	الدّف
Flute	ناي أو مزمار	Triangle	المثلث
Guitar	قيثارة أو غيتار	Trumpet	البوق
Harp	قيثار	Violin	الكمان

Music / الموسيقى

Lullaby	تهويده	Refrain	قرار
Rhythm	إيقاع	Verse	مقطع
Soft	ناعم	Choir	جوقة
Fast	سريع	Solo	عزف منفرد
Slow	بطيء	Harmony	تناغم
Improvise	يرتجل	Symphony	سيمفونية

Grammar

القواعد

IV. Modals for Permission

- Modal verbs are helping/auxiliary verbs that express ideas like **ability**, **permission**, **possibility**, and **necessity**. Many modal verbs have more than one meaning. They are always followed by the simple form of a verb.
- Finally, let's look at ways to ask for and give **permission**. We use **may**, **could** and **can** to do this.

IV. Modals for Permission

Formality	Example
most formal/polite	May I go to the washroom? *only used with “I” and “we”
medium formal	Could I borrow your dictionary? Could he pay you tomorrow?
casual	Can I call you back later? Can she have a cookie?

Now, look at the **(main) verbs** that come after the subject. They are always in the **simple form**, just as with other modal verbs.

IV. Modals for Permission

- Again, the most polite/formal way to **answer these questions** is with “may.” Examples:

May I go to the bathroom?	Yes, you may (go to the bathroom). Yes, you can .	No, you may not. No, you cannot.
Can she have a cookie?	Yes, she can .	No, she can't.

- Notice that we **do not** “contract” may + not = mayn't.
Can't and **couldn't** are common contractions, however.

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
Like <u>music</u> to my ears.	Extremely pleasant news: “Her voice is like music to my ears.”
Change your <u>tune</u>.	A change of mind/heart: “My parents were saying no to this trip but they changed their tune when they learned my brother is going too.”
<u>Play it by ear</u>.	Indicates uncertainty in unpredictable situations: “If that player doesn’t show up on time I’ll just play it by ear.”
<u>Ring a bell</u>.	When something seems familiar: “Doesn’t my name ring a bell?”