

DYING MUSIC

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION
SEMESTER 5, LESSON 015



“THE WAY BUDDY HOLLY WAS EXPRESSING HIS SENTIMENTS WAS VERY, VERY SIMPLE, IN A WAY THAT WOULD NOW BE CONSIDERED HOKEY OR CHILDISH, BUT THEN WAS JUST TRUE AND HONEST.”

-MICHAEL HANN

DIRECTIONS:
Explain and interpret the quote.



TABLE TOPIC

Discuss the first question for 5 minutes. Then create conversation questions of your own.

Do you miss any music genres from the 90's? The 80's? The 70's?

Now, create one table topic of your own. Think of something creative, fun, and thought-provoking.



USEFUL WORDS

Read and practice the vocabulary and idioms below.

Hackneyed: unoriginal because it has been done so many times

I love The Dark Knight, but I hate all new superhero movies. They're all so hackneyed at this point.

Generic: 1) not special because it's so similar to others 2) a cheaper version of a name-brand product

If you buy generic soda instead of Coca-Cola, you can save a lot of money.

Nostalgic: a sadness or desire to re-live the past

Whenever I look at pictures of my childhood, I feel nostalgic.

Born in the wrong generation: feeling like you should have been born during a different generation, because of your opinion, interests, or habits.

I love jazz music! I wish I could live in the 20's. I was born in the wrong generation.

Good ol' days: a nostalgic phrase for a past time period which was better than now

In the good ol' days, I could buy a cheeseburger and a soda for \$1!!!



GREAT IDIOM

Read and practice this useful idiom. It's great to use with this topic.

Back in the day: at some point in the past

Back in the day, I had to walk four hours to school... in the snow... uphill!



DEBATE

Using this prompt, have a fun debate about this topic.

Your friend, Bob, isn't funny. He's absolutely, 100%, not funny. And all of your friend's hate Bob's attempts at humor.

Students in Group A are Bob's friends and believe that they shouldn't confront Bob about his bad humor. You think that it would hurt his feelings too much.

Students in Group B disagree. They're also Bob's friends, but they think that they should tell Bob the truth about his awful, corny jokes. The truth will help Bob! He won't be hated by new friends, strangers, or co-workers anymore!

Discuss and debate your opinions. Use the Conversation Phrases list so that you can eloquently express yourself. You should prepare your reasons and evidence before class.

