

## THEME 1 MUSIC READING SKILL

### A. Read the text and answer the questions.

Before a song comes out, there is a lot of effort behind; technical work, studio work, agreements, arrangements, etc. Indeed, things start with lyrics. A song writer, a poet or any writer may make up the lyrics. True stories may be the inspiration for a poem or song lyrics, as well. It may be a deep suffering, a love story, moments of happiness, a memorable episode or a nation's tragedy that lies behind.

Some of the compositions that led Elvis to the incredible fame came out after his sorrows. The well-known Turkish folk song Ormancı (The Forest Guard) is based on a true story that took place in an Anatolian village. When two young men lost their lives in a dispute, a sentimental man put his feelings down into words and later, his work was composed. İstiklal Marşı, Turkish National Anthem has an unprecedented heroic story behind. Mehmet Akif's quote, after refusing to get the winner's award, tells us how much a nation had suffered before they became the subject to this composition: "May Allah protect this nation from having to write another national anthem."

1. What may be behind a song? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How did the folk song Ormancı come out? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does Mehmet Akif's quote tell about İstiklal Marşı? \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Read the dialogue and answer the questions.

**Ashley :** Hey, I'll tell you what, have you heard of the concert at the City Park?

**Jessica :** Concert?

**Kathleen :** When?

**Ashley :** Tomorrow, at eight. I'm going alone. What about joining me and seeing the band play?

**Kathleen :** I'm done with my assignment so I can go with you.

**Jessica :** Me too. Which band is it, by the way?

**Ashley :** The Spirit of Country. I like their music as it is quite soothing.

**Kathleen :** I prefer soothing music to thunderous music. The band is becoming famous gradually. Their mesmerizing songs are loved by increasing number of people day by day. I like the genre.

**Jessica :** I disagree with you. Soothing music makes me sleepy. I'd rather listen to more dynamic music such as rock. But I will come with you, though.

**Kathleen :** Rock music disturbs my ears. But I like the beats.

**Ashley :** I find lyrics very important as well. What do you think?

**Jessica :** In my opinion, lyrics form the spine of a song.

**Kathleen :** I agree with you both.

**Ashley :** Okay, then. What time will we meet tomorrow?

**Kathleen :** Shall we eat dinner together at seven and then go to the concert?

**Jessica :** It sounds great.

1. What time is the concert? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is Ashley going to the concert with? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why does Ashley like the music band? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of music does Jessica like listening to? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What does Jessica think about soothing music? \_ \_\_\_\_\_
6. What does Kathleen think about rock music? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What are the girls going to do before the concert? \_\_\_\_\_