

Entertainment

Task 1: Karaoke

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 5.

You are going to hear a talk about karaoke. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about karaoke. Are you ready?

Audio Script

Karaoke is a type of interactive entertainment that you can do in karaoke clubs or even at home. All you need is recorded music, a microphone and willing to sing out loud the words of the song. Usually the lyrics are on a screen so you can read them if you don't remember all of the song. Karaoke started in Japan, in a town called Kobe. The band didn't show up to play music, so the owner played some music and asked his customers to come up and sing. It isn't only popular in Japan, but in China you can find up to 100,000 karaoke bars. This shows how much people love karaoke. In fact, the longest karaoke was approximately 102 hours by one person. That isn't all! The karaoke that had the most participants in it was of 160,000 participants. Could you imagine all those people singing! Well, if you like karaoke, you should know that in 2003, a Karaoke World Championship started. It is a great way to have fun if you like to sing and love music.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Now let's look at the questions again, but with the possible answers.

This is the end of the listening task.

Questions & Answers:

1	What do you need for karaoke?	recorded music / a microphone / (willing to) sing
2	Where did karaoke start?	(Kobe,) Japan
3	How many karaoke bars are in China?	(Up to) 100,000 / one hundred thousand
4	How long was the longest karaoke?	(approximately) 102 hours
5	What were the most participants in the biggest karaoke?	160,000 participants
6	When did the Karaoke World Championship start?	2003

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