



Music

Task 1: The Kalimba

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 5.

You are going to hear a talk about **the kalimba**. 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 **the kalimba**. Are you ready?

Audio Script

The kalimba is an instrument that has its origins from Africa. It has many names, but is also commonly known as the thumb piano. Fifty years ago it was rarely heard out of Africa. However, thanks to globalization and being sold on the internet, this amazing little instrument is now known worldwide. The kalimba is around 1,300 to 3,000 years old and it is the national instrument of Zimbabwe. In fact, the Shona people use it in the bira ceremony to play the favourite songs of their beloved deceased family members so that their spirit will return and visit the living. They believe that this will happen only if the person playing plays beautiful and skillful music. There is still much about the kalimba that is unknown and it will probably always remain a mystery. However, anybody that plays it will enjoy its beautiful sound and find it a musical instrument that isn't too hard to learn how to play with a little bit of practice.

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	Where is the kalimba from?	Africa
2	What other name does the kalimba have?	The thumb piano
3	How long ago was it that the Kalimba wasn't heard out of Africa?	50 / Fifty years ago
4	How come the kalimba is played in other countries now?	globalization / (being sold on) the internet
5	How old is the kalimba?	around 1,300 to 3,000 years old.
6	Why do the Shona people play the kalimba in the bira ceremony?	the spirit of their family members will return

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