



Music

Task 1: The Ukulele

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 5.

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

Audio Script

The ukulele is a guitar-like instrument that was inspired by the portugesse instrument, the machete de braga and created by portugesse immigrants. The ukulele can be made out of any type of wood, but the traditional preferred wood comes from hawaii and is called Koa. It became prominent in Hawaii in the 19th century and in the 20th century became popular in the United States. The ukulele comes in a variety of sizes but it is well-known for having four strings on the standard ukulele. The name of ukulele means “jumping flee”, which may be because of the the fingers moving over the strings. The ukulele first became popular in 1915 and has had other moments of popularity after that, even amongst famous people, such as Elvis Presely, Neil Armstrong and George Harrison.

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	Who made the ukulele?	Portuguese immigrants
2	What is the ukulele made from?	Wood / Koa
3	Where is the ukulele from?	Hawaii
4	When was it made?	19th / nineteenth century
5	How many strings does the standard ukulele have?	4 / Four strings.
6	When was the first time that the ukulele became popular?	1915 / nineteen fifteen

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