Music makes the world go round

Idiom of the month

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1. What can we do to make the world a better place? Complete the sentences. Use these words to help you: renewable energy, the arts, the planet, poverty, diversity.

1. Eliminate
2. Use
3. Promote
4. Teach
5. Respect

2a. Read

Turn that music down, Max!

Sammy, this is folk music from India.

I've never heard of it.

Exactly, Sammy. You should listen to it. Music makes the world go round.
2b. Complete

I love going to music festivals and singing and dancing with people of different ages and from different places; it's true, _____________________________.

Without the joy and connection to other people and cultures that music brings to our lives, the world would be a poorer place. 'Music makes the world go round' means that without music, we would lose a vital part of our everyday lives: our ability to relate to others.

3. Write 3 more reasons why 'music makes the world go round'.

a. we learn about other cultures through music
b.
c.
d.

4. What other things do you think make the world go round?

Brainstorm ideas with a partner.

5. Imagine that you are organizing a music festival. What events would you include to promote the message that 'music makes the world go round'. Work with a partner. Use this idea to get you started:

Invite bands from different countries.

6. Present your ideas to the rest of the class.

We would ....
Teacher's Notes

1. Eliminate poverty
2. Use renewable energy
3. Promote diversity
4. Teach the arts
5. Respect the planet

2b. I love going to music festivals and singing and dancing with people of different ages and from different places; it's true, music makes the world go round.

3. Sample answer:
   a. we learn about other cultures through music
   b. we make new friends through music
   c. we can express our emotions through songs
   d. we learn new languages through song lyrics.

4. Sample answer:
   love, friendship, kindness, family. Some cynics suggest that 'money makes the world go round'. Discuss this with your students.

5. Sample answer:
   Invite bands from different countries
   Put up the flags from the different countries
   Write signs in multiple languages
   Promote sustainability