

## “Franconian Groove” with Bernd Dittl

🎧 After this worksheet, I can better:

- use music to express my feelings.
- understand how music can bridge differences and connect people.
- listen attentively.



🔄 Task 1: What musical instruments do you know?

• Do you play an instrument yourself? Which one? Why or why not?

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• Do you know any other instruments, including those from other countries?

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• Where do people make music in your city?

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🎵 Task 2: Music from Franconia – Bernd Dittl

Watch a video about **Bernd Dittl**, an accordion player from Franconia, Germany.

👉 <https://www.musikwissenschaft.uni-wuerzburg.de/forschung/musikalische-vielfalt-in-wuerzburg/music-of-our-neighbors/bernd-dittl/>

a. Where does Bernd play music? Check all that apply. (Video 0:00 to 1:00)

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| <input type="radio"/> Birthdays     | <input type="radio"/> Weddings         |
| <input type="radio"/> Concerts      | <input type="radio"/> Funeral services |
| <input type="radio"/> Anniversaries | <input type="radio"/> Wine festivals   |
| <input type="radio"/> Dance classes | <input type="radio"/> Retirement homes |



b. Many of these events involve emotions. In what different ways do you use music emotionally in your everyday life? What kind of music do you listen to (or play or sing or dance to) when you are sad, when you are happy, when you are angry, when you want to relax? Talk to your neighbor about your experiences with music.

Notes

**c. Mark whether the statements about the text are true or false (1.00-5.00).**

Statement	True	False
Bernd talks about his family in the video		
Bernd studied Special Education.		
Bernd plays folk songs on the flute.		
Moodlfans was the name of Bernd's first band.		
Bernd shows the house where he lived in Würzburg.		
He wears a suit and tie in the film.		

**d. If task 2a is too easy for you, then do this more difficult task: Create a profile for Bernd Dittl.**

<b>Name:</b>	<i>Bernd Dittl</i>
<b>Place of residence:</b>	
<b>Instrument(s):</b>	
<b>Music style(s):</b>	
<b>What is important to him?</b>	
<b>What does he associate with music?</b>	

**c. Expert question:** Did you watch and listen closely? What does Bernd mean when he describes himself as a folk musician (*Musikant*)? How is this different from being a trained musician? (from 9:30 min.)

Additional task: Sometimes it is difficult to talk about feelings; sometimes it is easier to express our feelings through art (music, dance, poetry, painting/drawing). The following video shows you the influence music has on the brain.



>> **Do you have a creative way of accessing your feelings?**

**Task 5: The power of music**

a. Give an example from the film of how Bernd Dittl is inspired by music or musicians from cultures. What does he find exciting about Balkan and Bulgarian music?

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b. Listen to Bulgarian folk music (search YouTube for "Bulgarian wedding music," "Yuri Yunakov," or "Ivo Papazov"). Compare it with Franconian/German folk music (search YouTube for "Bernd Dittl," "Boxgalopp," or "Franconian folk music"). What similarities or differences do you notice? Discuss this with your classmates.



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c. Is there music from other cultures that you like to listen to? If so, what kind and why? Share an example with your class and explain why you like it.

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d. What does Bernd Dittl say about the power of music? What can it be used for? How can it connect people in different situations? Give examples and mention specific places from the short film (e.g., hospitals). In what ways can music have special meanings for people.

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e. Research places in your area where people come together to make music.

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f. You may be familiar with the ESC (Eurovision Song Contest), which is broadcast on television every year. It is said to be able to connect all people on earth. Can you give an example from your own life where music or dance has brought people together? Can you imagine how you could use music in the future to connect different people?

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