

## SOUND OF SUCCESS

### Introduction

In this radio programme you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

*success*: èxit / éxito

*sign up*: apuntar-se / apuntarse

*dole card*: carnet d'atur / carné de paro

*audition*: prova, audició / prueba, audición

*pay off*: resultar rendible / resultar rentable

Ready?

Now read the questions on the next page. Read them carefully before listening to the radio programme.

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In today's programme we look at a success story. Mary Stone interviews Ian Briton, a composer and musician living in Barcelona whose career took off when the famous theatre company, the Fura dels Baus, began using his music. Ian Briton is an example of how a talented foreigner can come to this city, struggle for however long it takes, and then succeed and become famous. A former Londoner of Scottish descent, Briton's music has honoured royal performances, massive outdoor concerts, innumerable smaller concerts and theatrical events. He is also an award-winning composer of film soundtracks.

[Now listen to the interview]

## QUESTIONS

Choose the best answer according to the text. Only one answer is correct. Look at number 0 as an example.

[0,25 points each correct answer] [Wrong answers will be penalized (-0,08)]

0. Ian Briton is...

- an actor.
  - a musician.
  - a computer expert.
  - a singer.
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1. Ian first came to Barcelona...

- to set up a record studio.
- to play the guitar in a local band.
- to be together with his girlfriend.
- to teach English in a language school.

2. When Ian came to Barcelona, he found that...
- the city was a boring place.
  - the city was known internationally and very lively.
  - there were very few musical events going on.
  - it was a city full of musicians.
3. Ian could do many music courses in London because...
- music courses were very cheap.
  - his father payed for them.
  - he was on the dole and had nothing else to do.
  - all musicians taught seminars for free.
4. «Machine Gun» is the name of...
- a band Ian formed in Valencia.
  - a video-clip Ian made that won first prize at a contest.
  - a song Ian wrote that won first prize at a music festival.
  - a type of primitive techno music.
5. What did Ian do with the Fura dels Baus?
- Playing music, acting and singing.
  - Driving trucks and operating computers.
  - Writing scripts and travelling.
  - Composing music and directing shows.
6. According to the text, Ian...
- has worked full time for the Fura dels Baus ever since 1990.
  - has always composed and played all of the music in the Fura dels Baus.
  - composed the music for the inauguration of the Forum.
  - composed the music for a TV show in England.
7. According to the text, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Forum...
- Ian's parents got a shock when they heard the music.
  - the music was played every night on British TV.
  - the King of Spain congratulated Ian at the royal performance.
  - Ian's parents were surprised to hear their son was the composer.
8. Ian thinks his recent success as a composer of soundtracks for films is due to his experience...
- as a musician and composer.
  - with computers and as a guitar player.
  - as an actor and singer with the Fura dels Baus.
  - making the soundtrack for Agustí Vila's film *Un banco en el parque*.