

## Unit 5 and 6

The audience clap and cheer. They sing along, familiar with every word.// Some even cry, moved to tears because their favourite songs are being performed live by a band they love.// The weird thing is that this band has not been seen together since 1983.// It is members are all over 50, while the musicians on stage must be in their 20s. That's because this is actually a tribute band. There are about 10.000 tribute bands in Britain alone, and thousands more in Europe, Australia and USA.// Tribute bands don't just mimic music, they recreate the experience of seeing the original band in concert, down to the smallest detail.// Many of the players are first-rate, they have to be in order to convincingly imitate some of the greatest rock stars of all time.// All in all, they are often well worth seeing.// In the last few years, tribute bands have become mainstream, performing at exclusive nightclubs where in the past only original acts were allowed.// Although they have sometimes been looked down on because they don't perform original music, most tribute musicians what they do. // In contrast, musicians in original but unknown bands often find themselves "travelling hours and hours to play for 20 people who don't know who you are.// Moreover, it can be much more profitable than playing in an original band which may not succeed.// Another advantage is feeling like a celebrity but without the security guards and paparazzi that can wreck the lives of real stars.// Members of Bjorn Again, a hugely successful tribute band named after ABBA members, Bjorn Alveus, remain anonymous, despite the fact that they have played at some of the biggest rock festivals in the worlds. // Of course, when you go to one of these concerts, you are not witnessing the real thing, but you might as well enjoy the imitation.// And you can afford to get front-row seats without going broke. // So get those tickets for your favourite band and relax, chances are, you will have a wonderful time. // Having your own business is often more profitable than working for some else.// The audience clapped their hands in time to the music.// I got into an argument with my date, and it wrecked the whole evening.// I know this story sounds weird, but it is really true.// Several new TV programmes are currently being broadcast. // That was the strangest event I have ever witnessed //

Have you ever seen that singer perform live? // Did you get good tickets? Yes we have got front-row seats // How did Jeff react to his daughter's poem? He was moved to tears. // Should we wait for Michael? He may be late, so we might as well start eating // Where does your name come from? I was named after my grandfather // Why do you say that Marcia is a snob? Well I think she looks down on anyone who is not rich. // Did you enjoy the conference? Yes, all in all it was a positive experience.// Why does Laura work so hard? If she did not, she would go broke.// Lots of people want to be rock stars when they are young, but instead they grow up to live ordinary lives // However, these would-be rockers no longer need to feel frustrated.// A Los Angeles summer camp for adults is devoted to making its clients feel like stars for one week // Rehearsals and jam sessions are held in first-rate, professional music studios with all sound equipment.// In the end, they write their own songs and perform them on stage.// But those who can pay this amount will enjoy a rewarding week of fun, music and lots of contact with celebrities.// Clients that have been to the camp say that it was well worth the price.// Would you like to have a go riding my motorcycle?// As the disease progressed, his health went from bad to worse.// Unfortunately, I went broke last year.// He is always on the go // She nearly went mad waiting for an answer from the university.// My father is going bald This virtual tour is the next best thing to actually being in Paris.// A long walk is just the thing for getting rid of a headache.// Is that Gucci perfume? Yes, it is the real thing.// She really has a thing about the Red Hot Chili Peppers. // She knows the words to all their songs.// Camels in the Arctic? There's no such thing. // The situation is not that serious, don't make a big thing about it // Do you wish you could do something unusual after finished school? // If he had gone to university, his life would not have turned out the way it did and perhaps he would not have become such a famous and well-loved writer. // In those days it was not so difficult to get into either of these great universities.// I want to go straight from school to work for a company that will send me to wonderful faraway places like

Africa or China.//You must remember that there was virtually no air travel in the early 30s.