

Vivaldi (Worksheet)

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Task 1

Warm up



Discuss the questions

- 1. Do you like classical music? Why/why not?***
- 2. What famous composers do you know?***
- 3. What was Antonio Vivaldi's job?***
- 4. Which instrument did he play?***
- 5. What is his best-known work?***

Task 2

Interesting facts

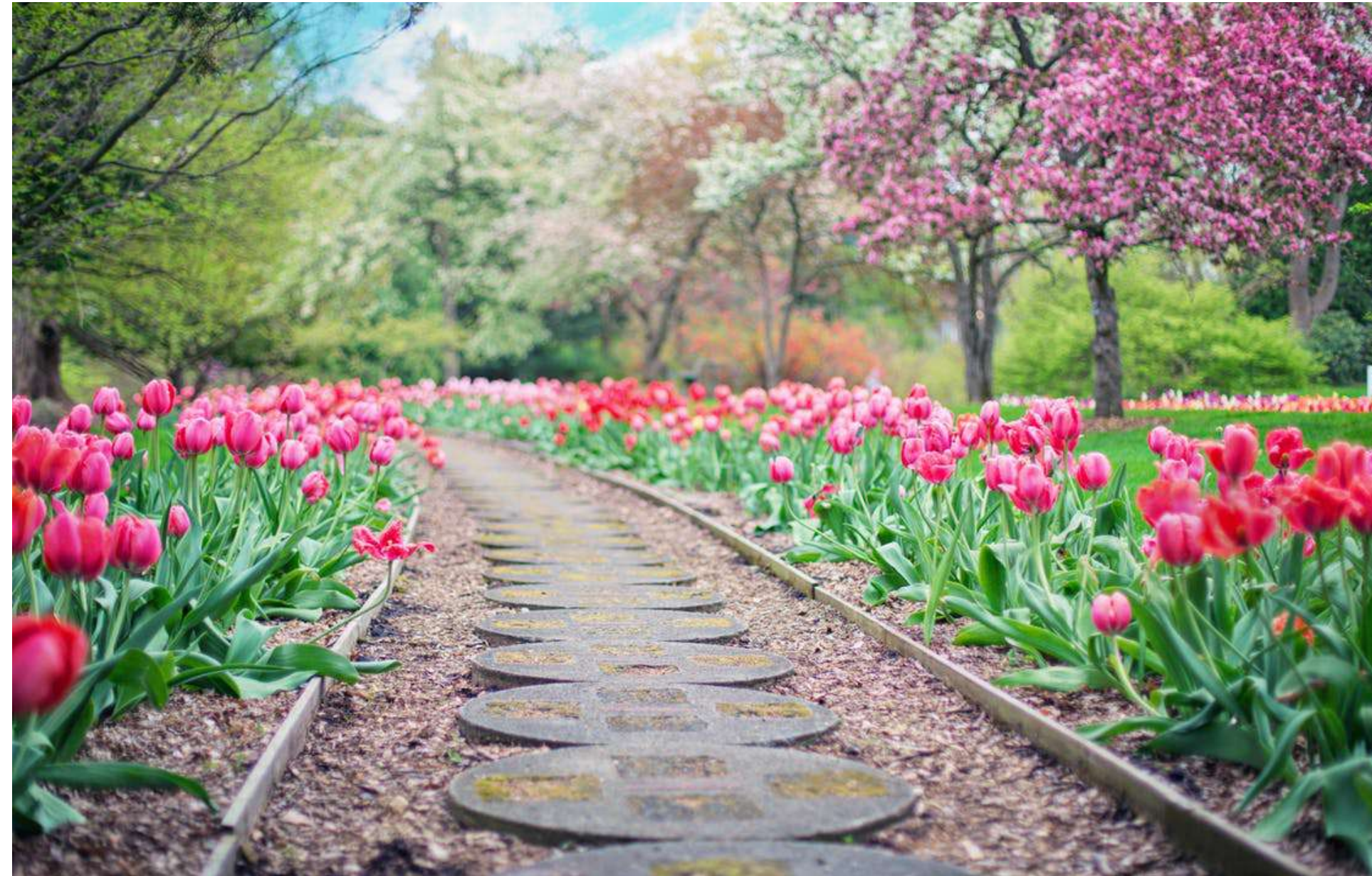
There are some facts about Vivaldi. Some of them are true, but some are false. Let's try to guess!

- 1. Antonio Vivaldi was born on 4 March 1678 in Venice and died in 1741.**
- 2. There weren't any musicians in his family.**
- 3. Vivaldi wrote around 800 different works.**
- 4. He used to be a priest.**
- 5. He composed operas.**
- 6. His hair was red.**
- 7. He used to be popular until his death.**
- 8. 'The Four Seasons' may well be his most famous piece, but Vivaldi wrote more than 500 other concertos for other instruments including mandolin, cello, flute, viola d'amore, recorder, and lute.**



Task 3

The melody time



“The Four seasons”, Vivaldi’s series of violin concertos, is his most famous music piece.

Task 3

The melody time

**Before listening to it,
let's discuss the questions:**

- 1. What seasons do you know?**
- 2. What season is now?**
- 3. What's your favourite one?**

And now it's time to listen to the divine music. Let's check your intuition (or knowledge!).

Watch the video and match pieces of music with their names (Autumn, Winter, Spring or Summer).

Part 1 (0:00 - 0:34) -

Part 2 (0:35 - 1:14) -

Part 3 (1:15 - 1:40) -

Part 4 (1:41 - until the end) -

Task 4

Music cities

Look at these pictures and discuss the questions:

***What cities are they?
Have you visited them?
How are they connected with the composer?
How are they connected with music?***



Task 4

Music cities

Read tourists' reviews about Vivaldi's museum in Venice and decide whether it would be interesting for you to visit this place:

- 1. This museum was a surprising gem as it is housed in a beautiful church (Chiesa di San Maurizio), has free entry and few visitors despite its delightful exhibition of unique musical instruments.***
- 2. The music instruments on display were fine examples from many centuries. These included strings, woodwind, and some medieval instruments. There was a display of a violin making studio, including examples of resins and pre-forms of violins.***
- 3. It has a really calm atmosphere and we were treated to the sounds of Vivaldi as we walked around. Even as a non-musical person, I found this exhibition fascinating. And all for no charge. Wonderful.***

Task 4

Music cities

**Take a look at highlighted words. Try to guess their meaning.
And now match some of them with pictures:**

gem / woodwind / medieval / strings



Task 5

My city and music

And now let's talk about your city.

Tell whether these sentences are TRUE or FALSE about it.

- 1. There are many concert halls in my city.***
- 2. Famous musicians usually come to my city.***
- 3. There is no Opera and Ballet House.***
- 4. There are many music schools.***
- 5. People like going to live concerts.***

Task 6

Live concerts

Discuss the questions:

Do you like concerts?

Tell about the last concert you've visited.

What's the difference between listening to music in headphones and visiting a live concert?



***Imagine you're going to visit Vienna.
Check out **the upcoming events** and choose
some you'd like to visit.***

Task 7

Quotes about music

Read the quotes given. Do you agree with them?

***Which quote do you think is the best one?
Can you describe what music means for you?***

Antonio Vivaldi said: "There are no words, it's only music there", and his instrumental music is an example of sharing feelings without saying a word.



Task 1

Vivaldi was a composer who played the violin. His most famous masterpiece is «The Four Seasons»

Task 2

Antonio Vivaldi was born on 4 March 1678 in Venice and died in 1741. - TRUE

There weren't any musicians in his family - FALSE. His dad played the violin.

Vivaldi wrote around 800 different works. - TRUE

He used to be a priest - TRUE

He composed operas - TRUE

His hair was red - TRUE

He used to be popular until his death - FALSE He died unknown and poor.

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Task 3

Autumn, spring, summer, winter

Task 4

Venice (the place he was born) and Vienna (the place where he lived).

Venice inspired many composers like Vivaldi, Chaikovsky, Wagner. The city is famous for its theatre "La Fenice" and its conservatory.

Talking about Vienna, it is the musical capital of the world, the motherland of waltzes and operettas. Vienna Opera is famous all over the world.

Pictures:

1 - gem, 2 - medieval, 3 - strings, 4 - woodwind

Delightful = fascinating = amazing = wonderful