

Rock band Coldplay not touring to save environment

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The rock band Coldplay has announced it will not be going on tour to promote its latest album because of the environmental damage touring might cause. It is standard business practice in the music industry for well-

known artists to go on a world tour to accompany a new album release. Concert tours are often huge money-spinners and can generate more profits than actual music sales. Coldplay has decided any concert tour would have a detrimental impact on the environment. Lead singer Chris Martin told the BBC news agency that: "We're taking time to see how our tour can be actively beneficial." He added that the band wanted any future tours to "have a positive impact" on the environment.

Coldplay band members said they are taking some time off to look at options on how they can tour in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way. Mr Martin said: "We're taking time to see how our tour can be actively beneficial....Our next tour will be the best possible version of [our last tour] environmentally. We would be disappointed if it's not carbon neutral." He asked: "How do we turn [touring] around so it's not so much taking as giving?" The band's new double album, "Everyday Life," was released on November 22. It reflects their feelings about the environment. Coldplay will do a one-off performance for their fans in London. All of the proceeds from this concert will be donated to an environmental charity.

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Writing

Concert tours should only take place if they are carbon neutral. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

rock band / album / environmental damage / business / music industry / concert / sustainable / tour / disappointed / carbon neutral / everyday life / feelings / charity

True / False

- a) Coldplay is worried about the environmental damage a tour could cause. T / F
- b) It is standard music industry practice to tour after an album release. T / F
- c) The article said music sales are more profitable than tours. T / F
- d) The band's lead singer said the band would never tour again. T / F
- e) Band members are looking at environmentally ways of touring. T / F
- f) The lead singer would be disappointed if any tour wasn't carbon neutral. T / F
- g) The band has just released a new double album. T / F
- h) Coldplay will play two free concerts in New York for fans. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. announced | a. harmful |
| 2. standard | b. issued |
| 3. accompany | c. revenue |
| 4. detrimental | d. common |
| 5. beneficial | e. alternatives |
| 6. options | f. shows |
| 7. way | g. advantageous |
| 8. released | h. made it known |
| 9. reflects | i. manner |
| 10. proceeds | j. go with |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) How can rock concert tours be more sustainable?
- c) Are rock concerts or classical concerts best?
- d) Should everything we do be carbon neutral?
- e) What are your feelings on the environment?
- f) What is the best concert you've ever seen?
- g) What charity would you donate to?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Coldplay?

Phrase Match

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| 1. going on tour to promote | a. album |
| 2. It is standard business | b. spinners |
| 3. in the music | c. impact |
| 4. huge money- | d. neutral |
| 5. have a positive | e. practice |
| 6. band | f. friendly |
| 7. environmentally | g. off performance |
| 8. carbon | h. industry |
| 9. The band's new double | i. members |
| 10. Coldplay will do a one- | j. its latest album |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Coldplay?
- What do you think of Coldplay's decision?
- What do you think of rock concerts?
- What environmental damage do concert tours cause?
- Why are concert tours such huge money-spinners?
- Is the live concert or the album better?
- Is it better to watch a concert on YouTube or live?
- In what other ways might concerts be detrimental?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. e	7. i	8. b	9. f	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Lead Singer

You think lead singer is the best position to have in a band. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their roles. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): drummer, manager or lead guitarist.

Role B – Drummer

You think drummer is the best position to have in a band. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their roles. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): lead singer, manager or lead guitarist.

Role C – Manager

You think manager is the best position to have in a band. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their roles. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): drummer, lead singer or lead guitarist.

Role D – Lead Guitarist

You think lead guitarist is the best position to have in a band. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their roles. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): drummer, manager or lead singer.

Speaking – Band Member

Rank these with your partner. Put the best role of being in a band at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Lead singer | • Backing singer |
| • Lead guitarist | • Tambourine player |
| • Drummer | • Saxophonist |
| • Bass player | • Manager |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.