

The WriteGuy.net Grammar Song List



I use the songs below in my classroom to help bring a little joy into grammar instruction. The songs can introduce the grammatical concepts or be played in the background to help etch the concepts into students' long (or at least longer) term memory.

Song	Artist	Concept
Anticipation	Carly Simon	Colons
I've Been Everywhere	Johnny Cash	Prepositions
Stop in the Name of Love	The Supremes	Periods
Shout!	The Isley Brothers	Exclamation Mark
If I Had a Million Dollars	Barenaked Ladies	Comma after a subordinating clause (AAAWWUBBIS)
Love Stinks	J. Geils Band	Two Word Sentence (Subject/verb)
Mr. Morton	Grammar Rock	Subjects/Predicates
Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves	Cher	Serial Commas
What I'd Say	Ray Charles	Dialogue
Time is on My Side	Irma Thomas	Verb Tenses

Songs to Use in the Express-Lane Edit

The Express-Lane Edit strategy can be found in the book *Mechanically Inclined: Building Grammar, Usage, and Style into Writer's Workshop* (Stenhouse, 2005) by Jeff Anderson.

<i>Song</i>	<i>Artist</i>
The Typewriter	Leonard Slatkin
Flight of the Bumble Bee	Eugene Ormandy & Philadelphia Orchestra
Sabre Dance	Leonard Slatkin

Background Music for Writing

<i>Album</i>	<i>Artist</i>
The Hours	Soundtrack
Meet Joe Black Soundtrack	Soundtrack
December	George Winston
Vivaldi Four Seasons	Janine Jansen

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