

The Electric Guitar Quiz

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Music: Chuck Berry "Johnny B. Goode"

Speaker: Time for a quiz. B.B. King, Eric Clapton, Eddie Van Halen and Steve Vai — you heard them all in the three programs about the electric guitar — now it's time to test your memory!

I will ask 12 questions based on the information given in the History of the Electric Guitar. Get out the worksheet or if you think you know it all, skip the worksheet with the four alternatives, and just write down your answers. I'll give the correct answers at the end of the program. Let's get started!

Here's the first question: We'll start from the beginning: who was the French guitar player who has influenced just about every other guitarist for the last fifty years. He lost two fingers on his left hand but his career didn't slow down. What is his name? This is what he sounds like.

Music: Django Reinhardt "Stomping at Decca!"

Speaker: An early guitar hero playing with violinist Stephane Grappelli. Who was he? Write his name on a piece of paper or mark the correct alternative on your worksheet. Here's the second question.

One of the early electric guitar greats was a man who started recording in the late 40's in Memphis, Tennessee. He's close to 80 years old but recently recorded with bands like U2. First we'll hear him talk and then play... Here's Mr. Blues himself.

B.B. King: I've never been good at using chords as an accompaniment behind my singing. So I don't play proper chords.

Music: B.B. King "Three O'Clock"

Speaker: Well, who was that? Write his name or mark the correct alternative on your worksheet. Now to question number three. Most people probably don't know his name — he is known as Elvis' guitarist. He was also from Memphis and he played on all the early classic Elvis Presley recordings, including the very first song Elvis ever recorded professionally as well as this song "Hound Dog".

Music: Elvis Presley "Hound Dog"

Speaker: Who was the guitarist? The sound of early Elvis Presley ... Here's question four. He played in a band that were rivals with the Beatles and they're still together. He really wasn't the lead guitarist, but more of a chord player, a rhythm guitar player, and through the years he's come up with an amazing number of famous riffs. Who's the man behind these riffs?

Music: The Rolling Stones "Honky Tonk Women"

Speaker: Who was the songwriter and guitar great in that song, "Honky Tonk Women"?

We're on to question five. He played with the Yardbirds, John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, Cream, and Derek & the Dominos. His nickname is a little bit of a joke, but also has to do with the passion that he puts into every note...

Eric Clapton: All of like from the time from eighteen to my mid or late twenties, I was really a very boring, serious guy about that. All of my musical study from that point on was done on my own and I really would get into heated arguments about who was playing harmonica on that record. And no one would ever be able to prove it. I mean till this day no one really knows for sure, but I always knew I was right.

Speaker: Write his name by number 5.

Music: Cream "Crossroads"

Speaker: One of the most well-known guitarists in the world. Mark the correct alternative or write his name at number 5. And now we're on to six. Mr. Electric guitar himself. An American who got his big break in England and who most likely has had a greater impact on the electric guitar than anyone else. Who is this? ...

Music: Jimi Hendrix "Voodoo Child"

Speaker: Someone who died in 1970, far too young ... at number six. Here's seven ... and Black Sabbath. Ozzy Osborne led and still leads this British band. But what is the name of Black Sabbath's legendary guitarist who got his fingertips cut off early in his career in an accident at work? Here he is.

Tony Iommi: Probably a week later, the manager of the firm I worked for, he came to the house to see me and he said, "Look, you know. Don't, you know. Have a listen to this." And I went, "No, I don't want to." He had bought a record, you know, and it was Django Reinhardt.

Music: Black Sabbath "Paranoid"

Speaker: The sound of Black Sabbath in the early days of heavy metal. Who played the heavy power chords? Write his name at number 7 or mark the correct alternative on your worksheet. Time for eight. Now who can forget this eminent player from Los Angeles. David Lee Roth sings, but who handles that amazing fingertapping, jawbreaking guitar?

Music: Van Halen "Ain't Talking About Love"

Speaker: He's been compared to Jimi Hendrix as far as the impact he's had on the guitarists of the 80s and 90s ... Write his name at 8. Here's 9. Dave Evans is his real name, and his band has had enormous success throughout the 80's, 90's and now in the new millennium. Again we're talking about more of a chord player than someone who plays long elaborate solos. Who's this?

Music: U2 "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"

Speaker: U2, but who's their guitarist? Right ... Time for number ten. This is a technical genius — technically maybe the best guitar player around. He became known as the amazing, young guitar player for Frank Zappa's band. Here he is.

Steve Vai: He knew what he wanted and he'd say, "Play this at this tempo." And then he'd count off a tempo that was twice as fast, And then he'd go, "OK, now add this note." And I said, "OK." And he goes, "Now play it reggae."

Music: Steve Vai "Erotic Nightmares"

Speaker: Faster than fast, but what is his name? Write it at number 10. Now question eleven. Grunge gave birth to more bands in the United States than ever before. Suddenly it was ok for anyone to form a band. And the answer to this question is actually the name of a band. The guitar is played by Stone Gossard.

Music: Pearl Jam "Alive"

Speaker: Well, write the name of that band at number 11. Well, we're at the last question. This guitarist is one of those who has successfully dipped into almost every musical genre. He's played rock, blues, folk music and maybe even some pop. But what's his name?

Music: Pat Metheny "Last Train Home"

Speaker: Well, I hope you're ready for the answers because here they come:

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Number one was B — Django Reinhardt, the French phenomenon.
Number two was D — B.B. King, the King of the blues.
Number three was B — Scotty Moore, Elvis Presley's guitarist.
Number four was A — Keith Richard, master of the Rolling Stones' riffs.
Number five was D — Eric Clapton, the legend nicknamed "Slowhand".
Number six was C — Jimi Hendrix ... well, what can you say?
Number seven was A — Tony Iommi, power chord master.
Number eight was D — Eddie Van Halen, groundbreaking master.
Number nine was B — The Edge, Dave Evans, U2's sound magician.
Number ten was A — Steve Vai, the technical marvel.
Number eleven was B — Pearl Jam, the sound of grunge.
And last but not least, number twelve was D — Pat Metheny, the all-round guitarist.

We hope that you've enjoyed this quiz as well as the three programs about the electric guitar, and we'll finish where we started...with Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode". Thanks for listening.

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