

Dimash Kudaibergen

Questions:

1. How many steps make one octave?
2. In paragraph 1, find a synonym for “singer”.
3. Which word in paragraph 1 tells us that the scene from *The Sound of Music* is well known?
4. Where does Dimash come from?
5. Name the other countries that the writer lists as influences on Kazakh culture.
6. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells us that there are not many people in Kazakhstan despite its large size?
7. In paragraph 2, find a synonym for “continent”.
8. What is a dombra?
9. What part of speech is “grandiosity” in paragraph 3?
10. What is grandiosity?
11. What does it mean if you are “well versed” in something? Why is this phrase appropriate in this article?
12. In paragraph 3, find a synonym for “combination”.
13. Name one other singer who has a vocal range of similar size to Dimash’s.
14. What is a counter-tenor?
 - A) A high male voice.
 - B) A low female voice.
15. Dimash failed to win the “Masked Singer” and the writer makes a suggestion to explain why this happened. Explain it in your own words.
16. Can you think of a different reason that may have caused him to lose this competition?
17. In paragraph 4 we read that Dimash has been “touted”. What does this mean?
 - A) He has been given an official award for his vocal range.
 - B) His vocal range has been scientifically assessed.
 - C) His vocal range is receiving attention and recognition from many people.
18. Why does the writer describe a 6-octave vocal range as “elusive”?

Answers:

1. 8 steps/8 notes
2. Vocalist
3. Memorable
4. Kazakhstan
5. Russia, Persia and China.
6. Sparsely populated.
7. Landmass
8. A small, pear-shaped wooden instrument with strings that you can pluck or strike.
9. Abstract noun.
10. An attitude of being very important.
11. It means that you are very familiar with something. It's appropriate in this context because the article is about singing, and "verses" belong in poetry or music.
12. Fusion
13. Mariah Carey
14. A high male voice.
15. The writer suggests that Dimash's personality, attitude and appearance are all important factors in his success, not his voice alone.
16. Open answer. One possibility: his fame really is simply based on his wide singing range and people are only excited by it because it's rare, not because they actually like how it sounds.
17. His vocal range is receiving attention and recognition from many people.
18. Because it is rare and very few people have it.