

Warm-Up Activity:

The Heart Moving Sound of Zanzibar



Women dance at a wedding reception in Zanzibar. Featuring rolling rhythms, *taarab* is common at both weddings and in street celebrations. Credit: imageBROKER / Angelika Jakob / Alamy

Predicting

1. Circle one part of the photo that feels most important. How does it relate to the word “Heart” in the title?
2. What insight about Zanzibar’s music might this reading explore? Support your guess with one detail from the image or caption.

Exploring the Theme

1. If you were at this Zanzibar wedding, what’s one song from your own life you’d want to play for the crowd. Why?
2. Where have you seen music “move” a group of people—like a protest, religious event or TikTok trend? Give one example.

Confirming Your Prediction

3. If time allows, read over the first paragraph of the article. How does it confirm or challenge your prediction?