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Describe a song or a piece of music you like.

You should say:

- What the song of music is
- What kind of song or music it is
- Where you first heard it

And explain why you like it.

Well to be honest, **(1) I got an ear for music** in general but what **(2) appeals to me** most is rap and more specifically Eminem's songs are my first choice. there is this super amazing song called lose yourself, it's my **(3) jam**. I mean **(4) words fail me**, I can't just say how I feel about it. It's a lyrical miracle, like the first few minutes you figure you've got the whole idea and then little by little the concepts start to shape in your mind, that's exactly when you understand you've just been **(5) scratching at the surface** and there is actually a whole lot more to it than you thought. let me **(6) shed a bit more light on** this, the song seems **(7) high-tempo** but that only takes some getting used to, by the way there is also this highly coordinated **(8) crescendo** combined with **metaphorical** rhymes at the end of the verses building upon each other and eventually there comes the **coup de gra'ce** leaving you literally overwhelmed. **I can't get enough of it** you know what I'm saying. As a matter of fact, I first heard this song when I was in high school, I remember I'd just got back and I was sort of watching the idiot box you know, right in the middle of that a friend of mine dropped by bringing a movie called 8 mile, well, both the **protagonist** and the singer was Marshal Mathers AKA Eminem. Man I was in a state of **euphoria** when I heard the song it was like it'd sparked something inside of me and taken my life to a whole new level. Well to me, it was nothing if not spiritually ascending ... I don't really know you might think of this as **hyperbole** but it is genuinely how I feel about this song .

Collocations and useful phrases

1. To have an ear for sth

If someone has an ear for music or languages, they are good at hearing, repeating, and understanding these sounds:

She's never had much of an ear for languages.

2. If someone or something **appeals to you**, they seem attractive and interesting

The programme appeals to young children.

3. Jam

A song or piece of music, especially one by a rap or rock group

4. words fail me

Used to say that you are so surprised, angry, or shocked that you do not know what to say

5. To scratch the surface

To deal with only a very small part of a subject or problem
I think we have only scratched the surface of this problem.

6. To shed light on

To make something easier to understand, by providing new or better information

Research has shed light on the causes of the disease.

Investigators hope to shed light on what started the fire.

7. Tempo

The speed at which music is played or should be played

8. Crescendo

If a sound or a piece of music rises to a **crescendo**, it gradually becomes louder until it is very loud

OPP diminuendo:

The shouting rose to a deafening crescendo.

The curtains opened as the music reached a crescendo.

- 9. The metaphorical** use of a word is not concerned with real objects or physical events, but with ideas or events of a non-physical kind: The word has a metaphorical as well as a literal meaning.

10.Coup de gra'ce

An action or event that ends or destroys something that has gradually been getting weaker

a hit or shot that kills someone or something

- 11.Can't get enough of something/somebody** informal

To enjoy something so much that you want more and more of it:

Her millions of fans can't get enough of her.

12.Protagonist

The most important character in a play, film, or story

SYN main character

13.Euphoria

An extremely strong feeling of happiness and excitement which usually only lasts for a short time:

There was a general atmosphere of pessimism after the euphoria of last year.

14.hyperbole

A way of describing something by saying it is much bigger, smaller, worse etc than it actually is

SYN exaggeration:

It was not hyperbole to call it the worst storm in twenty years.