

# Authentic Listening

## Nature vs. nurture debate taken to the music room

### Audio File:

<http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/news/audio/twt/201305/20130509-twt11-singing-twins.mp3>

### Answer the following questions

1. What does the study conducted at the University of Melbourne aim to establish?
2. How long have Yasmin and Yolanda been singing?
3. Does their singing ability support the nature or nurture side of the debate? Give reasons for your answer.
4. How many pairs of identical twins does the School of Psychological Sciences intend to recruit?
5. What would the implications of the findings be?

### True or False or Not Given?

6. \_\_\_ There have been numerous studies regarding whether singing abilities are inherited or learnt.
7. \_\_\_ The large number of singing twins or singing families point to the fact that singing abilities might be due to the genetic makeup.
8. \_\_\_ The findings will help to produce pop stars.
9. \_\_\_ Record companies might be interested in breeding super singers.

### Answer the following questions:

10. What do Daniel and Matthew Thomson do for a living?
11. Daniel and Mathew believe that singing is
  - Inherited
  - Learnt
  - Both



**Yolanda and Yasmin and Daniel and Mathew.**  
Image source: <http://twins.org.au/e-news/images/bigimage6-5.jpg>



**Jackson Five**  
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