

Have you ever seen the movie or the musical called “The Lion King”?

African Music had a significant impact on the creation of the film and Musical “The Lion King” which is a blend of traditional African tribal music together with Western modern culture. Songs such as “The Circle Of Life” and “He lives in You” are a mixture of the South African Zulu language with English lyrics.



Africa is the _____ largest, and the second most populated continent on our planet. It has a population of over _____, contains ____ countries, is home to the world’s largest _____ and more than _____ languages are spoken throughout the whole continent. To give you an idea about how important music and dance are in Africa, most languages there don’t even have separate words for music or dance. The arts are part of the way all people express themselves every day .

Music and Culture in Africa has been passed down from generation to generation. Playing drums made from _____ (now known as drum language or drum talk) was a language that was used to communicate with each other over long distances. So there is no surprise that language and music generally have very close connections in many African cultures.

Today, Drum Talk may be used as part of ceremonies which include dance and story telling and use drums such as _____ for these purposes Besides using the voice, African musical instruments include a wide range of drums, rattles, double bells as well as melodic instruments like string



instruments, (musical bows, different types of harps and harp-like instruments such as the _____ as well as fiddles), many types of xylophone and lamellophone like the _____ (also known as the thumb piano), and different types of wind instrument like flutes and trumpets.



Drums used in African traditional music include _____ s and _____ in West Africa, W_____ Drums in Central and West Africa, and different types of N_____ Drums (or engoma) in Central and Southern Africa, and the _____ (two small maracas).



There are also lots of other types of drums, flutes, stringed instruments, and wind instruments used throughout the whole of Africa. Infact, many modern instruments, such as flute, double reed, trumpet-type horns, stringed instruments and percussion of all kinds can trace their roots back to Africa.