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We have done an article about a musical group called 'Pentatonix'. Do you know them? Read it and discover...

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Christmas Holidays have ended and students must come back to class... With new goals and motivation.

# What is Pentatonix?

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**What is it?** Pentatonix (abbreviated PTX) is an American acappella group from Arlington, Texas, with five vocalists: Avi Kaplan, Scott Hoying, Kirstin Maldonado, Kevin Olusola, and Mitch Grassi. The group is noted for their song covers, sometimes in the form of medleys, along with original material — typically in a pop style with distinct arrangements, as well as vocal harmony, riffing, basslines, percussion and beatboxing.

**History** Pentatonix was formed in 2011 and came to prominence the same year by winning the third season of *The Sing-Off* on NBC, their victory earning them \$200,000 and a recording contract with Sony Music. The group formed its popular YouTube channel and distributed its music through Madison Gate Records, a small independent label owned by Sony Pictures that mainly distributes movie soundtracks. The group uses social media to interact with its followers.



**Nowadays** With over 11.5 million subscribers and 1.80 billion views, Pentatonix's YouTube channel is currently the 13th most subscribed music channel and the 44th most subscribed overall. Some of its most touching songs are included in their Christmas albums. For example, some of the most heard songs on all music platforms (YouTube, Spotify Music...) are: 'Mary did you know', 'Hallelujah', 'Little Drummer Boy'. They're especially known for their appearance on the *Ellen DeGeneres Show* in 2013 and movies like *Pitch Perfect 2* in 2015. Their way to the top has been hard but successful. Let's hope they keep enlightening us with their music for a -2- long time.

# Interview: Mr. Álvaro O. \_\_\_\_\_

**Mr. Álvaro, do you teach something related with the English language?**

No, but I don't discard teaching in English in the future.

**Where did you learn English?**

I learnt it during 12 years in Retamar, with good teachers like Mr. Fernando Martín. Also, I studied in an academy while I was at university.

**Will you go to Ireland this year?**

I don't know, but I would like to go again as soon as possible.



**Do you use English frequently?**

Yes, I do. I use English when I travel to different countries.

**To end, could you tell us a hobby?**

I like singing and playing the guitar or drums. I love music.

# Happy New Year!

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Christmas Holidays have ended and the new year has just started. We haven't finished this course yet, but we have done more than half of this school year... Just 5 months left.

That's why we must give our best efforts to finish as well as possible, with the highest marks we could get and achieving our own goals for June.

Also, think about the summer. Holidays without worries and stress will be satisfactory for you and your family, and you will enjoy your deserved free time more.

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