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<b>Baritone</b>	A low male voice – not as deep as the bass
<b>Bass</b>	The lowest male voice

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<b>Unison singing</b>	A group of people singing the same thing together
<b>Singing in harmony</b>	A group singing melodies that are different but fit together to make nice sounds
<b>A cappella singing</b>	Singing without instruments

## Questions

1. How do human voices vary?
2. What is made possible through the varying sounds of the human voice?
3. What is meant by singing solo?
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