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**Transcript:**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual **Air Guitar** World Championships have taken place in Finland.

Eighteen **contestants** battled in front of an audience of 5000 for the ultimate prize for imaginary **instrumentalists**.

In **the first round**, they have to play a song of their choice; those who make it through to the next stage perform a **number** chosen by the judges.

This year's winner was Justin "Nordic Thunder" Howard from the USA.

**Vocabulary:**

**air guitar**

imaginary guitar played by a person in time to a real song

**contestants**

people who take part in a competition

**instrumentalists**

people who play a musical instrument

**the first round**

the opening stage of a competition

**number**

song or piece of music

**Watch the video online: Air guitar championships** <http://bbc.in/Pm3BQs>

## Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from BBC news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

### **air guitar/contestants/ instrumentalists/the first round/number**

1. Trott and former X Factor \_\_\_\_\_ Stacey Solomon started Sky Ride Birmingham, which allowed residents to ride through traffic-free streets.
  
2. More than 2,000 music festival goers in Wiltshire have set a new world record for the largest \_\_\_\_\_ ensemble.
  
3. Ibragimova, 25, was described by The Guardian as "one of the most technically gifted and charismatic \_\_\_\_\_ of the age" after the Manchester shows.
  
4. This year sees the sixtieth anniversary of Nellie's death and there's a rare chance to see her most famous \_\_\_\_\_ , 'My mother said', performed live onstage.
  
5. "I went into Wimbledon this year having lost in \_\_\_\_\_ of Queen's. That was meant to be a horrible preparation, but Wimbledon worked out fine. So there's no reason why that can't happen here."

**Answers:**

**1.** Trott and former X Factor **contestant** Stacey Solomon started Sky Ride Birmingham, which allowed residents to ride through traffic-free streets.

**Source:** London 2012: Laura Trott takes part in Birmingham cycling event

<http://bbc.in/QPOMWG>

**2.** More than 2,000 music festival goers in Wiltshire have set a new world record for the largest **air guitar** ensemble.

**Source:** Womad festival crowd sets new air guitar world record

<http://bbc.in/qmxGJM>

**3.** Ibragimova, 25, was described by The Guardian as "one of the most technically gifted and charismatic **instrumentalists** of the age" after the Manchester shows.

**Source:** Violinist Alina Ibragimova bewitches historic venues

<http://bbc.in/nGWyqS>

**4.** This year sees the sixtieth anniversary of Nellie's death and there's a rare chance to see her most famous **number**, 'My mother said', performed live onstage.

**Source:** Remembering one of the best-loved stars of the music hall

<http://bbc.in/Pm2U9Y>

**5.** "I went into Wimbledon this year having lost **in the first round** of Queen's. That was meant to be a horrible preparation, but Wimbledon worked out fine. So there's no reason why that can't happen here."

**Source:** Andy Murray seeks first major win at US Open after London glory

<http://bbc.in/Oilqcc>