

# The world's largest orchestra

A couple of weeks ago, thousands of young musicians, 8,573 to be exact, gathered in a huge concert in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. The concert was arranged by El Sistema, a global musical movement that wants to give children a better future by playing music or singing in a choir. Each musician in the orchestra had to play at least five minutes without a break. The conductor told the musicians to keep playing, no matter what.

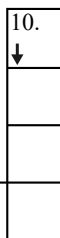
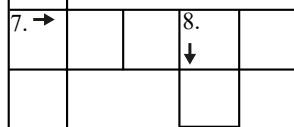
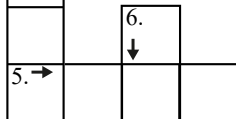
People from the Guinness Book of World Records were present at the concert too and counted the musicians. In the end they stated, that the orchestra had broken the world record. The old record was set in Russia where an orchestra with 8,097 musicians played the Russian national anthem. The orchestra in Caracas played "Slavonic March" by Tchaikovsky.

## WORDS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

an orchestra – en orkester  
 a couple – ett par  
 a musician – en musiker  
 to be exact – att vara exakt  
 to gather – att samlas  
 huge – enorm, jättestor  
 a capital – en huvudstad

to arrange – att ordna, arrangera  
 global – världsomfattande  
 a movement – en rörelse  
 future – framtid  
 a choir – en kör  
 at least – minst, åtminstone  
 a conductor – en dirigent

no matter what – oavsett vad  
 to be present – att vara på plats  
 to count – att räkna  
 to state – att konstatera  
 to break a record – att slå rekord  
 to set a record – att sätta rekord  
 a national anthem – en nationalsång



Read the text above and solve the crossword below, please.

1. Many people playing different instruments together.
2. Many people singing together.
3. Another word for "stop".
4. To have or to carry on.
5. To make music.
6. To come together.
7. Precise, correct, true.
8. To add together, sum up.
9. Time to come, time ahead.
10. Enormous, very big.



A conductor