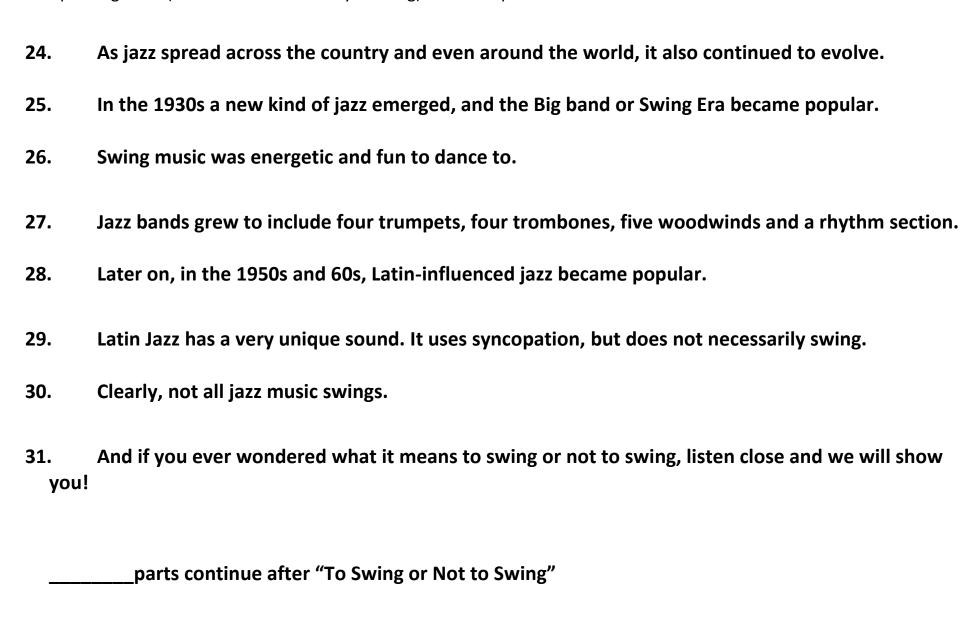
3rd Grade Speaking Parts (After "Jazz" is sung)

- 1. Jazz is a unique and exciting kind of music that was born in the United States around the turn of the 20th Century.
- 2. The city of New Orleans, Louisiana played an important role in the development of early Jazz.
- 3. Way back then, the people of New Orleans came from many different cultures.
- 4. All of these different cultures and people had their own musical traditions.
- 5. Jazz began to emerge when those different people and their music began to blend together.
- 6. Early Jazz featured syncopation, blue notes and improvisation.
- 7. But Jazz is not just one genre of music. It includes many styles like Dixieland, bebop, swing or the blues.
- 8. The blues was used to express sadness or challenges through music.
- 9. Not all jazz tunes are blues and not all blues songs are jazz.
- 10.In fact, the blues has found its way into every genre of music from folk to rock, country, pop and of course, jazz.
- 11. The word "blue" has also become another way of saying "sad".
- 12. So if you find yourself feeling sad, at least you know you can always sing the blues.

- 13. One of the earliest styles of jazz is Dixieland.
- 14.It came from a blending of African rhythms and improvisation with European instruments, like the trumpet, clarinet, or trombone.
- 15. Dixieland musicians combined musical ideas from brass band marches, ragtime, or blues, over a steady rhythm played by a rhythm section.
- 16.A rhythm section usually had a piano, guitar or banjo, bass or tuba, and drums.
- 17. Some of the instruments in the group played a melody while others improvised or created their own melody on the spot.
- 18. With New Orleans being on the Mississippi river, it was easy for musicians to travel north, bringing their music with them.
- 19. Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, and New York were then some of the cities that quickly became known for jazz.
- 20. Radios and record players were also becoming more widely available, which helped spread the popularity of jazz.
- 21. This also meant that almost anyone could listen to it through the radio and in their homes.
- 22. Because of this, young Americans of that time really liked this new style of music.
- 23. With all of these new musical pathways, Jazz truly was spreading across the land.



- 32. Of course, jazz continues to evolve and blend with other types of music.
- 33. Whether its jazz-rock, fusion, contemporary jazz or some other new style, jazz is still growing and changing constantly.
- 34. Jazz is about personal expression, emotion, and communication.
- 35. We decided to share with you some of the most influential jazz musicians and composers who helped develop and spread this amazing genre!
- 36. See if you can count how many names we sing! There are A LOT.
- 37. Thanks for being a wonderful audience and letting us share our jazzy learning with you! Please enjoy this final song!