**Комплексна діагностична робота**

**Підручник Full Blast Listening ІІ семестр**

**Text for teacher**

**Eurovision song contest**

The Eurovision Song Contest is one of Europe’s most popular music events. All European countries can take part in it and the competition is held in the country that won the year before.

In the past, the rules were different. The singers could only sing in their country’s language. That rule changed in 1999 and since then, most winning songs have been in English.

The country which has won the most times so far is Ireland. It’s won seven times! There have been many winners who went on to become very famous. The Swedish group ABBA won in 1974 with the song Waterloo, and they later became one of the most successful pop group of all time. The Canadian singer Celine Dion became world famous after she won the competition in 1988, too.

Many people believe it is not a serious contest and it doesn’t bring anything new to music. Also people say that it’s not always the best song that wins. However, it is still a very popular event with a TV audience of over 122 million.

1.Any country can enter the Eurovision Song Contest.

2.The country that wins holds the competition the next year.

3.Nowadays most countries sing in English.

4.Sweden has won the competition seven times so far.

5.Celine Dion is from Canada.

6.Not many people watch the competition on TV.