

\*28 Lorenzo has always liked music and can play a number of instruments. His favourite instrument is the guitar but he can play the piano, drums, clarinet, saxophone and trumpet.

Recently Lorenzo has joined a band. He is one of the guitar players but sometimes plays the piano or drums or sings if others cannot attend rehearsals. He has been making some mistakes with the songs during rehearsals by missing notes or some words from the songs.

→ Willingham

For their forthcoming performance at a local pub the lead singer, called Daniel, tells the rest of the band to wear black T-shirts with skulls on them and so they all buy one. Lorenzo does not have enough money to buy a T-shirt, but makes his own so that he does not feel like the odd one out.

→ NSI - conformity

During the performance the band members begin to shout and scream and swear a lot when they do not normally act this way.

→ deindividuation

Assess the band's behaviour using **two** areas of psychology that you have studied.

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Lorenzo's mistakes may be explained by the lack of rehearsal for the other instruments or of the song lyrics. Willingham's learning theory states that in order to learn something, we must rehearse it. For example, playing the correct keys on a piano is an example of a physical skill. Willingham states that we need to repeat the movements multiple times so that the action becomes automatic. Since Lorenzo's favourite instrument is guitar, he is likely to not practise piano as much. This means that he is more likely to make mistakes when playing guitar. ~~However, a problem with this explanation is that Willingham's~~



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A strength of this is that studies have found that the best violinists practice the most. This matters because, Lorenzo is also a musician meaning it is generalisable to him.

The band's behaviour can be explained by social influence. The uncharacteristic shouting and swearing could be attributed to deindividuation as they were all wearing the same shirt.

Zimbardo et al found that, in the Stanford prison experiment, the guards and prisoners lost their personal sense of self - especially as the guards became aggressive, becoming deindividuated from their uniforms. A weakness of this explanation is that the band members were not wearing uniform and so, these findings may not be generalisable to them.



Overall, Milgram's learning theory may be more applicable to this scenario because the conditions of the Stanford Prison experiment were more different to that of Covenzo.

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