

Grandma's Records

sketchbook – a book of blank pages used for drawing

El Barrio – a neighborhood in New York where many Latin American people live

merengue – a type of fast dance music from the Dominican Republic and Haiti

Dominican Republic – a country of the West Indies on the island of Hispaniola.

salsa – a style of Latin American dance music that mixes African, Cuban, jazz, and rock music

record – a grooved disc that can be played on a phonograph

conga – a tall, narrow drum with one head that is played by beating with the hands.

sketches – rough drawings or outlines

performing – presenting something, such as music, acting, or dancing, before an audience

nightclubs – clubs that stay open late and often have dancing or entertainment

percussion – a family of instruments played by being struck or shaken

pigeon peas – a kind of pea grown in warm places like Puerto Rico

theater – a building where plays, movies, or concerts are presented

Bronx – a borough of New York City, north of Manhattan

spectacular – unusual or impressive

musical phrases – short passages in a piece of music