

Whoever laughs first... loses the game.

The Inuit are people who live in Canada, Greenland and Alaska. They have long played a musical game using a style of singing called **throat singing**. It was invented – and is usually performed – by women.

Two women stand face to face. One sings in a quick, rhythmical pattern...

...and the other joins in, following and copying her and filling the gaps in the song.

Hubbaba

Hubbaba

Hibbiba

Hibbiba

Hubbaba

Hubbaba

Hibbiba

Hibbiba

Hubbaba

Hubbaba

Hibbiba

Hibbiba

Hubbaba

Hubbaba

Hibbiba

Hibbiba

Humma

Humma

Humma

Humma

Humma

Humma

Hrrm-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hee-ahah

Hee-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hrrm-ahah

Hey-ahah

Hey-ah-phew!

Ha! ha! ha!

Ha! ha! ha!

The singers make sounds when breathing in *and* breathing out. This results in a near-constant stream of sound, ranging from whispery growls to high, clear notes.

The singers steadily increase the speed and complexity of the song...

...until one of them makes an error, runs out of breath or bursts into laughter – losing the game.



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