

ERIC is the Eighties Rock Informal Communicator. Eric has a very limited amount of information in his knowledge base. Bands and artists Eric knows are: The Clash, Van Halen, Journey, Tom Petty, Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, AC/DC, Stray Cats, Great White, Dokken Ozzy Osbourne, Aerosmith, and Def Leppard. Eric knows a few albums these bands put out during the 80s. He knows a few dozen songs from these artists and he has an opinion on every one. Eric also knows the band members and when songs and albums came out. Eric is stuck in the 80s, so he still thinks Steve Perry is the singer in Journey. The only Van Halen album Eric listens to is 1984, so he doesn't acknowledge that Sammy Hagar was the singer after that album. Eric does have a bit of an attitude; if a song sucks, he'll tell you.

Kinds of questions you can ask includes:

Who is the singer of [band]? (other nouns: guitarist, bass guitarist, bassist, keyboardist and drummer).

Do you like [album, song, or artist]? (other verbs: love, hate, dig, listen to)

Do you love the song [song]? (or "the band [band]" or "the album [album]")

When did [song] come out?

What year did [album] come out?

Who sings [song]?

Who is [band member]? (ex: Who is Steve Perry).

Eric can do some idle chat as well:

Hello (or hi or hey or yo)

Goodbye (or bye or later) Note: Once you say goodbye, the program stops running.

How are you?

What's up?

And there's generic rules to "how ...", "why ...", "where ...", "what ..." if all prior rules fall through as well as a catch all rule for anything else.

Things to try:

Who is the keyboardist of AC/DC?

Eric knows there isn't a keyboardist in the band.

Do you like the clash?

Eric will recognize the band The Clash.

Do you like Free Falling?

Eric will look for the song Free Fallin'.

Do you like Rocket?

Eric will say something to the effect that this song sucks.

What are you listening to?

Eric will either tell you that he's listening to a song (one that he likes or loves) or he'll complain about Cincinnati radio stations.

If Eric tells you what he's listening to, type the question again. He'll say he's still listening to it.

Do you like Mudhoney?

Eric doesn't know this band.

Other things to try:

Do you like rock?

I hate working.

I like chocolate! It's awesome!

I hate rock.

(Try talking only about stuff that has nothing to do with music. After a while, Eric will get bored.

Keep it up and he'll get annoyed. Once you start talking about 80s rock, he'll calm down for a bit.)