

Unit 8: Perform and create

1. Choose the correct word

- a. It gave him a lot of **self-expression** / **satisfaction** to win the competition.
- b. Can you hear the **beat** / **means** in this piece of music?
- c. I saw the **ballet** / **folk** at the theatre last night.
- d. The **choreographer** / **rehearsal** had done a wonderful job.
- e. He **gained** / **manipulated** the drums to achieve that sound.
- f. Eat it quickly before it **varies** / **melts**.
- g. He gave me an **orchestra** / **indication** that I'd done well in the interview.
- h. The audience cheered when the **symphony** / **performer** had sung his final song

2. Tick the correct option, a) or b).

- a. folk
 - a) a cultural style
 - b) someone who plays music
- b. symphony
 - a) a feeling of doing well
 - b) a long piece of music
- c. recognition
 - a) praise and respect
 - b) a form of art
- d. composer
 - a) a group of musicians
 - b) someone who writes music
- e. lyrics
 - a) the music of a song
 - b) the words of a song
- f. self-expression
 - a) how you show who you are
 - b) feeling good about something

3. Match the sentence halves.

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| a. Acting is seen as a | 1. is what he lives for. |
| b. Some people spend | 2. is a popular hobby. |
| c. Reading novels | 3. difficult profession to succeed in. |
| d. Performing on stage | 4. a popular way to produce music. |
| e. Mixing styles is | 5. a lot of time entering competitions |

4. Read the pairs of sentences. Complete each pair using the gerund or the infinitive of the word in brackets.

- a. (act) Are you interested in _____?
He moved to America _____ in a TV show
- b. (dance) She goes to her bedroom _____.

- _____ is very good for you.
- c. (believe) _____ in yourself is important.
It's important _____ in yourself.
- d. (download) _____ music is a popular hobby amongst teens
You can use my tablet _____ the song

5. Are these sentences correct? Tick the correct sentences. Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- a. I saw the conductor to wave his arms excitedly.

- b. I watched my brother edit the song.

- c. Did you see the dancer to spin across the floor?

- d. They heard the band perform at the stadium.

- e. I felt his hand to tap me on the shoulder.

6. Read. Then read the statements and write T (true) or F (false).

The art of mixing

When you first go into a club and hear the loud, thumping music, you might be mistaken for believing that it all sounds the same. But the sounds that come from different DJs are as different as the DJs themselves. Although DJs are mixing other people's music, there is plenty of opportunity to insert their own creativity into the mix. Nowadays, just the style of the mixing can make DJs into recognised, and very wealthy, musicians in their own right. Successful DJs

don't only learn the technical aspects of mixing – they 'feel' the music. Most DJs would agree that training their 'ear' is the easy part – they can spend time listening to tracks over and over again to discover what the performers – and indeed, the sound engineers – have created. But, like in most other areas of life, some people are simply blessed with raw, natural talent. And, like in most other areas of life, these lucky few will become the most successful.

- a. According to the article, the writer made a mistake when he first went to a club
- b. The writer believes that the sounds that DJs create are all very similar.
- c. According to the writer, a DJs personal creativity can be heard in the tracks he/she plays.
- d. Some DJs have become famous by mixing music.
- e. Some DJs have made a lot of money from mixing music.
- f. The writer believes that the best DJs are the ones who listen to the most music.

7. Tick the sentences which should NOT appear in an explanatory essay.

- a. The Fuji Rock Festival takes place annually in a ski resort in Japan.
- b. The first Fuji Rock Festival took place in 1997 at the base of Mount Fuji.
- c. The festival is a three-day event which features more than 200 musicians.
- d. Some of the performances are amazing, but others are a little disappointing.
- e. There is traditional Japanese folk dancing and fireworks at the opening party.
- f. There are seven stages, most of which are often too crowded and noisy.
- g. There are more than 30 food stalls offering foods from around the world.
- h. The festival is an amazing experience and one which should not be missed.