

1 Listen and write down what you hear.

- 1 At the restaurant, the food _____ delicious and the music _____ great.
- 2 To learn an _____ like the _____, you need to play every day.
- 3 _____ used to play a simple kind of 'oud in _____ times, but Arab _____ developed the modern 'oud about a thousand years ago.

2 Read about the young Mr Kamal and do the task.

Complete gaps (1)–(8). Choose the best time expression for each gap.

Even when he was very young, Yousef Kamal used to sing very well. He could learn a song very quickly, and everyone knew that he was musical. (1) Then (Finally, / Then) he started at a new school (2) _____ (at the age of 11 / by that time), and his music teacher quickly saw that he was good. (3) _____ (A week later, / A day earlier,) she met his parents and talked to them about this. She told them that their son should study the 'oud.

(4) _____ (Not long after that, / Long after that,) his mother and father bought a good instrument for him. They also found a teacher, a famous 'oud player, and young Yousef started lessons.

(5) _____ (In a very short time, / Finally,) he started to love music and the 'oud even more than his school work. He used to play for an hour or more every day, and (6) _____ (in two weeks, / in two years,) he could play quite well.

(7) _____ (After five more years, / After several more days,) he and his teacher played the 'oud together on a popular TV programme, and it went very well. (8) _____ (That morning, / Next morning,) his name was in all the newspapers!