

**1 Listen and write down what you hear.** 

- At the restaurant, the food \_\_\_\_\_ delicious and the music \_\_\_\_\_ great.
- To learn an \_\_\_\_\_ like the \_\_\_\_\_, you need to play every day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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!