

Read the examples and write original sentences using the words in bold to demonstrate their meaning. Focus on creating sentences that show how the words are used in real-life situations.

1. **Serve**: I **served** as a volunteer at the local animal shelter last summer.
2. **Wound**: He had a small **wound** on his arm from a bicycle accident.
3. **To scab**: After a few days, the cut on my finger started to **scab** over.
4. **Put 5 cents**: When the team was discussing the new project, I decided to **put my 5 cents** and share my thoughts on how to improve the design.
5. **Cut losses**: The company decided to **cut their losses** and stop producing the unsuccessful product.
6. **Give best shot**: Even though I was nervous, I decided to **give my best shot** during the job interview.
7. **Mint condition**: The vintage car was restored to **mint condition** and looked as good as new.

Read the text and fill in the gaps with words from the box

served **mint condition** **wounds (*3)** **give their best shot** **scab (*3)** **put five cents** **cutting their losses**

A Healing Melody

In a serene village nestled among rolling hills, a man named David _____ his time as a soldier in distant lands. The _____ from battles and memories left their mark on his body and soul, but David was determined to let those painful experiences _____ over with time, just as nature allows wounds to heal.

One day, while wandering the village's cobblestone streets, David stumbled upon an old, forgotten barn. Inside, a collection of abandoned musical instruments awaited discovery, including a dusty, neglected piano. Its keys bore the marks of use, yet they were in _____, ready to be given their chance to _____ in and produce enchanting melodies. David decided to resurrect the piano and create a space where people could gather and heal through the power of music.

News of David's endeavor spread like wildfire, and villagers rallied around his mission, each person contributing their skills and stories to the restoration project. The piano, once a symbol of neglect, began to _____ over the years of silence and neglect. With every note David played, the _____ of his past seemed to heal a little more.

One evening, a timid young girl named Mia cautiously approached the barn. Her own wounds, an unspoken fear condition, had kept her from sharing her beautiful voice with the world. David recognized the pain in her eyes, for he had once been there too. Encouraging her, he assured Mia that music held the power to heal wounds.

With trembling hands and a quivering voice, Mia began to sing. Her melody started as a delicate whisper, much like a wounded bird tentatively finding its song again. As the notes filled the air, a gentle serenity enveloped her, and she felt her fear condition begin to _____ over, replaced by a blossoming confidence.

The village underwent a remarkable transformation as melodies floated through the air, _____ and binding the community together. David's barn evolved into a sanctuary of healing, where people congregated to _____ at finding solace through the harmonies they created together.

In the end, the piano stood not only as an instrument but also as a testament to resilience and unity. David had transformed his personal _____ into melodies, demonstrating that even the deepest scars could eventually **scab** over with time, leaving behind stories of strength and hope that resonated in the healing melodies of the village.



Fill in the gaps with **did** or **was**

1. Where _____ you serve?
2. The stamp _____ not in the mint condition
3. Those wounds _____ not scab over within one day
4. _____ you give your best shot at the game?
5. The deal breaker _____ the five cents the landlord put when talking instead of his agent.