

Reading - Part 2

Questions 7 - 13

For each question, choose the correct answer.



Fred Olga Brian

- 7 Who felt afraid before performing in front of other people? A B C
- 8 Who may decide to stop playing a musical instrument? A B C
- 9 Who isn't always happy with the way he / she plays? A B C
- 10 Who doesn't play an instrument anymore? A B C
- 11 Who started playing after listening to someone playing? A B C
- 12 Who enjoys making music with another family member? A B C
- 13 Who was introduced to music by a parent? A B C

Guidance for candidates

- 7 Can you find a synonym for 'afraid' in the texts?
- 8 Who may not continue playing a musical instrument?
- 9 Which of these adjectives are similar to 'not happy'?
- scared / angry / friendly
- Where can you find these adjectives?
- 10 Which of the three people didn't enjoy playing an instrument?
- 11 Where can you find a verb that has a similar meaning to 'listen'?
- 12 Which of the three people has a relative that plays music now?
- 13 Who mentions their mother or father in the texts?

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YOUNG MUSICIANS



FRED

My parents play in a band so there is always music in our house. I started playing the piano when I was six after I heard a very young girl play at a concert. She was just five years old but she was as good as an adult professional pianist. My first concert was at the age of nine. I'll never forget how scared I was but once I was at the piano I relaxed and just thought about the music.



OLGA

My parents are both doctors but they really enjoy listening to music. My mother played the piano when she was young so she asked me if I wanted to learn to play something. I chose the violin but it isn't easy. Sometimes I get angry when I can't play the right way. I don't know if I'll keep playing it. I also play tennis three times a week and it's a bit tiring doing everything, so I guess I'll have to choose.



BRIAN

I've always loved music since I was a little child. My father told me I started dancing as soon as I heard classical music on the radio. That's why when I was four I started piano lessons. However, my teacher wasn't very friendly. I sometimes got bored with the exercises he gave me, so a year later I asked my parents if I could have singing lessons instead. I really enjoy singing. I often sing with my brother, who plays the guitar. It's so exciting!

Reading - Part 3

Questions 14 - 18

For each question, choose the correct answer.

MY ORGANIC GARDEN

by Larry Davidson, age 13

Last year my family and I started to make our own fruit and vegetable garden. We wanted to do something for our planet so we decided to grow our own plants organically. This means that we only use natural ways to look after them. For example, we put our old fruit and vegetables on the ground where the plants grow, but other people just throw all their old food in the bin. Also, now we grow our own fruit and vegetables, so we don't need to buy them.

Having an organic garden is clearly a healthier option because the fruit and vegetables you grow will be safe for people and animals, too. We had to work very hard. At first, we were afraid because we might not have enough time to do everything, but then we realised that each of us could look after the garden on different days.

To make our garden we used a large wooden box which was about the size of our kitchen table. We cleaned it and made 20 holes at the bottom for the water to drain out. We covered the holes with some little stones and the soil where the plants could grow.

Then we planted very tiny plants and watered them every day. On the left we planted tomatoes, onions, carrots and potatoes, while on the right there were a few melons and strawberries. In about a month we picked our first fruits and vegetables. We were so excited when he had them for dinner!



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- 14 Why did Larry and his family build an organic garden?

- A to save money on vegetables and fruit
- B to help the natural world
- C to stop making so much rubbish

- 15 How did Larry feel in the beginning?

- A tired because he spent the whole day on the garden
- B lucky because he could eat a lot of healthy food
- C worried because it could be too much work

- 16 Who looked after the garden?

- A only Larry
- B only Larry's family
- C both Larry and his family

- 17 How big was the box Larry used for the garden?

- A smaller than a table
- B as large as a table
- C larger than a table

- 18 What does Larry say about the fruits and vegetables he planted?

- A The vegetables and fruit were in different parts.
- B The plants were very small, but delicious.
- C They first ate the fruit, then the vegetables.

Part 3**Questions 11 - 15**

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear Adam talking about a cooking class he did.

11 Why did Adam enjoy doing the cooking course?

- A He enjoys eating.
- B He wants to be a chef.
- C His mother is a professional cook.

12 How long did the class last?

- A 3 hours
- B 1 day
- C 30 minutes

13 What did Adam learn at the course?

- A how to mix ingredients
- B how to make dishes with simple foods
- C how to choose fresh vegetables

14 How many students were there?

- A 13
- B 30
- C 14

15 Next month Adam will probably

- A do a course on desserts.
- B learn to make vegetarian dishes.
- C try to invent a new dish.

Part 4**Questions 16 - 20**

For each question, choose the correct answer.

16 You will hear a boy and a girl talking about a concert. What do they agree about?

- A They both like the band very much.
- B It costs too much.
- C It's not as interesting as going to the cinema.

17 You will hear a boy talking about his teacher. Where is the teacher from?

- A France
- B Canada
- C Africa

18 You will hear a girl, Lisa, talking with her father. What does she want him to do?

- A help her with Maths
- B take her to the park for a bike ride
- C explain something to her

19 You will hear two friends planning the weekend. What are they going to do?

- A go to the mountains
- B go to the beach
- C go to countryside

20 You will hear two friends talking about a school play. What does Jack think about it?

- A His classmates were good at acting.
- B Some actors were not ready for their parts.
- C The play was a bit boring.