

1 At school, I was always a bit of a loner ... I didn't quite _____ in somehow. But when I got into uni, I decided to join a choir. They became like a second family to me and since then, I've never looked _____. The choir had belief in me as a singer – somehow, I had a good _____ – and nothing else really mattered. It was an a cappella _____ so we sang without any piano accompaniment. We even got chosen for a TV _____ and I was the one who performed the solo! In my wildest dreams, I never thought I'd ever perform to an audience of _____!

2 Despite the fact that I can't sing to _____ my life, I'd always wanted to do something with music or rhythm in some way. My brother was a _____ in a band and it must have been that influence that got me to sign up for percussion _____. Do you know something? I think drum lessons should be compulsory for all _____ people! There's nothing like bashing away at a drum to get rid of all your worries! Now I'm a member of a drum _____ and we play at lots of venues at weekends. It's exhilarating and the other members of the circle are _____.

3 A couple of years ago, a friend taught me how to play a few simple chords on the _____. Even though I'll never be really good at it, at least I was able to play along to the _____ I wrote. Songwriting for me is the way I _____ myself, and my friends – who play in a band – like what I write! I get a real buzz when I hear them _____ my lyrics in concerts. My parents didn't believe me when I first told them about the song-writing ... I was more into active things like sports at school. But they're really _____ of their songwriter son!

4 The violin has been my _____ ever since I was small. Now that I'm at music college, it really is my whole life. But what has also made a _____ difference is the fact that I belong to an international youth orchestra. We meet up in different _____ and perform music together. The language barrier does cause some _____ moments of course, but we all get along amazingly well despite that. Having friends from _____ cultures through a love for music really makes you appreciate and understand different _____. We've even started exchanging visits to each other's families in the summer!

5 I've been through the usual years of piano lessons and _____ but I wanted to try something different. Then a friend of mine, who's a singer, asked if I could _____ her on the piano while she sang, and we could perhaps get _____ to playing somewhere together as a duo. I was surprised by how _____ I enjoyed it! Not only was I playing some really nice music, but I was also supporting someone else rather than appearing solo in public. That I find rather _____. We've now played _____ gigs around the local area and I'm really happy about this new direction my music has taken me.