



READING

1

BEFORE YOU READ Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions below.

- Do you think you have the talent for music or sports? Why?
- What kind of music do you like?
- If you were a member of a band, what musical instrument would you like to play?

2

Read the article and choose the appropriate answer for the questions below.

- 1 What did Natalie want to be member of when she was a teenager?
 - a) of the school band.
 - b) of the volleyball team.
 - c) of a band.
- 2 What instruments does Natalie play?
 - a) The drums and the electric guitar.
 - b) The guitar and the drums.
 - c) the guitar and the saxophone.
- 3 What does Natalie can't stand?
 - a) To his brother.
 - b) The music of his brother's band.
 - c) To John playing his electric guitar.
- 4 What is necessary to create harmonious sounds in Jazz?
 - a) The trumpet and the saxophone.
 - b) A band.
 - c) the combination of different musical instruments.
- 5 What do Natalie and her brother enjoy doing?
 - a) Watching soap operas.
 - b) Doing nothing.
 - c) Playing videogames.



A Musicians Family

Hello! My name is Natalie. I am 22 years old. This time, I would like to tell you about my family. We all are musicians.

I want to begin the hobbies I had before I became a musician. When I was younger, I used to love playing volleyball but I didn't like swimming. However, I didn't use to practice it frequently. Even, when I was 14, I wanted to be part of the school volleyball team, but I couldn't. The coach told me that I needed to practice more. So, After that event I discovered my talent for music.

Currently, I am dedicated to the music. I am good at playing the guitar and the drums, but I am not good at playing the piano. I learned to play the guitar when I was 16. It

wasn't difficult because my parents are great musicians. They taught me to play it very well. That's why I love music. About the drums, I learned to play the them with my friends and now we want to form a band.

My older brother John likes playing the electric guitar, he is very talented. He has a rock band but I can't stand listening to them when they practice at home. I really dislike it. He is good at playing the trumpet too. To tell the truth, he is good at playing any musical instrument.

Then, my parents, they are Jazz musicians and they have a band, they are unique and creative artists. They told me that the nature of jazz is to play with others, for that

reason most of their playing and practicing are with other musicians. My dad plays the trumpet and my mom the saxophone. They need the other musical instruments to create harmonious sounds. My parents their band give lots of concerts in the city.

But as musicians, it is not everything music. We also have a time to chill out. When we don't practice or have concerts, my mother likes cooking and she is really good at it. She also likes drawing pictures in her free time. My father's hobby is reading and he always reads books every afternoon and he dislikes watching soap operas on TV. Lastly, my brother and I sometimes are crazy about playing videogames. I don't like staying at home and doing nothing. Anyway, who loves that?



LISTENING

1

BEFORE YOU LISTEN Discuss the following questions.

- Who is your favorite artist /artists?
- Did you attend a concert of him/them?
- Do you prefer attending a live concert or watching it on Internet?



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2

Listen to the audio about concerts, then choose True or false.



1 Watching a concert at home is better than attending a live concert.

True False Doesn't Say

2 If you watch a concert on TV, you can relax and enjoy drinks at home.

True False Doesn't Say

3 He considers her brother is successful.

True False Doesn't Say

4 If you watch a concert at home you have to buy the tickets for the concert.

True False Doesn't Say

5 In a live concert, you can enjoy with other people with the same tastes as you.

True False Doesn't Say

6 When you watch a concert at home, you can sing without anyone telling you to turn down the volume

True False Doesn't Say

ATTENDING A LIVE CONCERT

OR WATCHING IT

ON TV?



3

Answer the questions below.

1 What are the advantages of watching a concert on TV?

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2 What do you need to hear the music properly?

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3 What are the advantages of attending a live concert?

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4 Is it possible to sing aloud at home when you are watching a concert?

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5 Which musical instruments are mentioned in the audio?

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6 What is the suggestion of the speaker at the end of the audio?

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