Listening Ex. > The Greatest Composer Ever



mp3 file

A. Listen to a short biography of a great musician. Complete the sentences below using information from the recording.

a. Ludwig van Beethoven (1) _____ in Vonn, (2) _____.

b. He (3) _____ to Vienna to (4) _____ under Mozart.

c. After his mother's (5) _____, Beethoven (6) _____ to Vienna.

d. Beethoven (7) _____ to lose his (8) _____ in the late 1790s.

e. After going deaf, he (9) _____ to compose music.

f. Beethoven (10) _____ much in his later years.

B. Listen again. Decide if the following statements are true (T), false (F) or not given (NG).

	T	F	NG
1. Ludwig van Beethoven had three brothers.			
2. Beethoven's mother died while he was in Vienna.			
3. Beethoven did not like his hometown much.			
4. His first public performance went partially well.			
5. After being deaf his music was not dark and nostalgic.			
6. Beethoven and his mother died at the same age.			

C. Write the NUMBERS you hear to complete each sentence.

a. Beethoven published his first composition when he was (1) _____.

b. In (2) _____ he gave his first public performance as a pianist.

c. By (3) _____ he went completely deaf

d. *Moonlight* was written in (4) _____, *Pastoral* in (5) _____, and *Emperor* in (6) _____.

e. He died on March (7) _____, (8) _____ after catching pneumonia.

f. More than (9) _____ people attended his funeral.

D. Answer the following questions. Use NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) WORDS on each line.

1. Who played music in his family? _____.

2. What instruments did Beethoven learn to play? _____.

3. How did he feel in his later years? _____.

4. Where did he die? _____.

5. What two ideas did he express with his music? _____.

Level A2

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