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1 Listen to the podcast and mark the sentences TRUE or FALSE

1. Sam says she plays the piano a little.
2. Neil says he is quite artistic because he plays football.
3. Michelangelo was famous for taking long baths to relax.
4. Mozart was eight years old when he composed his first piece of music.
5. Rebecca Chamberlain researches how artists use their eyes when drawing.
6. According to Chamberlain, artists make smaller, slower eye movements than non-artists.
7. The word "gist" means a general understanding of something without focusing on details.
8. Mike is a self-taught painter from Malawi.
9. Mike believes that artistic ability is something you are either born with or not.
10. One of Mike's students improved significantly after receiving his advice.

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2 Match

child prodigy	very impressed or surprised by something
processing	a young child with an exceptional natural talent
gist	able to be taught or developed through practice
tips	the general meaning of something, without all the details
blown away	small pieces of practical advice to help you do something better
trainable	the way the brain makes sense of information it receives

3 Choose the correct word.

1. I didn't understand every word of the lecture, but I got the _____ of it.
2. My teacher gave me some useful _____ on how to improve my pronunciation.
3. She was completely _____ by the quality of the students' performances.
4. Mozart was a true _____. He was performing for royalty before the age of 7.
5. The coach believes that speed is _____ if you follow the right programme.
6. Our brains are constantly _____ huge amounts of visual information without us realising it.

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