

# LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Read the text and fill in with the correct word for the gap.

Learning to play an instrument (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that can give a lot of pleasure. It's also an achievement and a skill (2) \_\_\_\_\_ stays with you for life. Music has a part to play in everyone's life, and has been described (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a "primary language."

Learning to play an instrument isn't easy at the beginning since (4) \_\_\_\_\_ takes effort and determination. And while there's nothing wrong with aiming (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the top, music is definitely (6) \_\_\_\_\_ something to take up because you think you ought (7) \_\_\_\_\_ do it.

A lot of adults regret not (8) \_\_\_\_\_ learnt to play an instrument when they were younger. But it is never (9) \_\_\_\_\_ late to learn! And the advantages of learning an instrument are far greater than just the pleasure of producing a marvelous sound. When you've progressed far (10) \_\_\_\_\_, there are lots of amateur groups which you can join (11) \_\_\_\_\_ you want to be part of a larger group. Once you've reached a good enough standard to join a band or orchestra, you add the team skills like (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you get from playing sport. There's also a great social side to playing with others, as (13) \_\_\_\_\_ as the chance to travel through touring.

