

READING


I was born into a musical family. Both my parents were talented musicians so I guess there was always a good chance I would become a musician too.

My father actually wasn't keen on the idea of me taking up his career; in his view it wasn't suitable for me.

I actually started playing when I was four. It came naturally to me. However, at school I thought of becoming a doctor because I was doing so well in my exams. In my opinion, if you are getting good grades people expect you to follow a serious career like medicine.

I was sometimes a bit lonely as a child and the friends I had didn't always understand why I wanted to stay

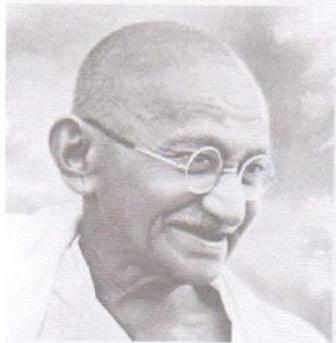
inside and practise on the piano, even in the middle of the summer. They wanted me to play football with them. My first public concert was in my hometown five years ago. The first time I performed I felt extremely nervous – too nervous to have a good time. I suppose my first few concerts were not that good, though everyone was very kind. Now I really enjoy being on the stage.

One day I'd love to teach children how to play the piano. I believe I might be quite good at doing that. I want others to experience some of the passion and joy I feel about music.


1. Read the text and choose the correct option.

1. His parents were doctors / musicians / students.
2. They were strict / lonely / talented.
3. He started playing the piano at school / naturally / with his mother's help.
4. At school he had lots of friends / good grades / free time.
5. When he was a child, he sometimes felt serious / happy / lonely.
6. His friends didn't understand why he played the piano / played football / didn't like summer.
7. In his first concert he felt bad / nervous / cheerful.
8. One day he wants to cure children / give more concerts / teach children.

2. Read the text and do the activities below.



'There are many causes that I am prepared to die for but no causes that I am prepared to kill for.'

— Mahatma Gandhi —

Gandhi was born in 1869 in Porbander, in the west of India. His father was a politician. Gandhi got married when he was 13 years old and he had four sons. At the age of 18, Gandhi travelled to Britain. He studied law at university in London, then worked in India for a few years. In 1893, he got a job as a lawyer in South Africa. At that time, black and white people in South Africa were not equal and Gandhi fought for the rights of black South Africans. In 1914, Gandhi moved back to India. The British ruled India and Indian people weren't equal. Gandhi wanted the British to leave India, and wanted India to become independent. He was a peaceful man and against all forms of violence. In the end he won and the British left India in 1947. Gandhi continued to fight for the rights of poor people and women in India, and he became a hero for millions of people. But some Hindu people hated him because he was friendly towards the Muslims in Pakistan. On 30 January 1948, a Hindu called Godse shot Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi's birthday, 2 October, is now a national holiday in India.

a. Which **THREE** of the following adjectives describe Mahatma Gandhi's personality? Click on the adjectives.

friendly

energetic

hard-working

peaceful

talkative

b. Complete the sentences with the correct words. Drag and drop the words below. There is **ONE EXTRA WORD YOU DON'T NEED**.

four

eighteen

rights

hero

thirteen

violence

Britain

India

helped

university

- Gandhi was born in
- He married at the age of
- He had children.
- He went to in London.
- At that time, black and white people in South Africa didn't have the same
- He wanted India to be independent from
- He fought for the rights of people in a peaceful way because he didn't like
- He became a in India because he his country.