

GRADE 7 – UNIT 4 – READING 2

II. Read the text carefully then decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

Many students listen to music while they are studying, and say that it helps them learn. Many parents and teachers say that music is just distracting, and that students are better studying in silence. Who is right?

In a study, some scientists asked three groups of students to listen to a piece of music by Mozart or a relaxation tape for ten minutes, or just sit in silence for ten minutes. The students then did a 'spatial reasoning' test (a test about remembering shapes and imagining looking at objects from different directions), and the ones who had listened to the Mozart did better in the test.

Taking part in musical activities and learning to play an instrument can improve verbal memory (the ability to remember words). The longer the training lasts, the better the improvement in the memory. So, there's no excuse to give up the piano lessons!

1. Many students think it's helpful to listen to music when studying. _____
2. Teachers say music helps students to better concentrate. _____
3. The students who had listened to Mozart did better in the spatial reasoning test. _____
4. Listening to Mozart music will not make you smarter. _____
5. Music training helps to improve memory. _____