

In this new book, *Outliers*, Gladwell argues that Beethoven, The Beatles and Bill Gates all have one thing in <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. They <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ what they do, and they practised a lot. In fact, Gladwell discovered that in order to be truly <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in anything, it is necessary to practise for more than <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hours. These people have done that which is why he believes they have been so <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

**3 A** Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 If we want to learn from Bill Gates' achievements, we need to look at where he came from and the opportunities he had.
- 2 If you're going to be world-class at something, you need to have parents who are high achievers.
- 3 The Beatles played all-night concerts in Hamburg, and this helped them to master their craft.
- 4 To become a successful tennis player, you need a very talented teacher, and enough money to pay for your tuition.

**B** Listen again to check.

**C** Discuss. Do you agree that if you practise something enough, you can become world-class at it, or do you think you need to have a natural talent for it?