

1) A person's brain has to make connections between the notes. In other words, it works hard to make sense of the music. So, the brain gets exercise. New music also makes the brain work hard. The brain has to make sense of the new sounds, too. Listen to your favorite tunes. Try listening to something new. Either way, your brain will thank you.

a) Description    b) cause and effect    c) sequence    d) problem/solution

2) Lightning and thunder are related events. Lightning is a sudden, violent flash of electricity that occurs between a cloud and the ground. It can also occur between two clouds in the sky. A lightning bolt can be several miles long and can be straight or forked. It is very hot, with an average temperature of 34,000 degrees Celsius. This causes the air around the electric bolt to expand, producing lots of sound energy. It is this sound energy that we hear as thunder. Lightning and thunder are caused by the same event. Yet lightning is light energy, or electromagnetic energy, whereas thunder is sound energy. Thus, we see lightning and hear thunder.

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3) Thousands of people die each year in car accidents involving drugs or alcohol. Lives could be saved if our town adopts a free public taxi service. By providing such a service, we could prevent intoxicated drivers from endangering themselves or others.

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4) Eating cereal is easy. First, get out your materials. Next, pour your cereal in the bowl, add milk, and enjoy.

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5) When you walk into my bedroom there is a window facing you. To the right of that is a dresser and television and on the other side of the window is my bed.

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