

## 7. EL. Reading Part 3

You are given a piece of text with some questions. You are also given a set of 4 choices for each question. Identify the correct answer.

### Donald Bousted

Donald Bousted was a very quiet boy at school, and had no difficulty finding friends, but Donald had a secret. Many of his friends played musical instruments, some the guitar, one or two the flute, and one played the saxophone. Nobody knew Donald wanted to learn to play the drums because he never had the courage to tell anyone, in case they laughed at him.

The years went by and one Christmas Donald's mother decided to have a chat with him because she had no idea what to get him as his Christmas present. Over dinner his parents enquired if he would like anything special, and he didn't answer. They thought he hadn't heard, so they asked again, and he whispered that he wanted a drum kit. His mother thought she had misheard him, so she asked him to repeat himself, and this time he found the strength to announce that he wanted to learn to play the drums. The dinner table went quiet.

That night his parents discussed this dramatic situation and on Christmas morning when Donald went downstairs to see how many socks and jumpers Father Christmas had left him, he saw a shining complete drum kit. He just stared at it in disbelief. Then his parents came down and saw that he had tears in his eyes.

Today Donald is one of the most famous drummers in the world, but everybody only knows him by his stage name. He is still as shy as he ever was, but has learnt to hide it by acting confident and dynamic. He was lucky enough to have parents who had enough faith in him to give him what he wanted. There is no way my parents would have given me a drum kit, and I'm sure that's true of yours.

### QUESTIONS

#### 1) When he was young, Donald

A) kept a few pets

B) read a lot of books.

C) was very sociable.

D) played many sports.

**2) Donald didn't tell anyone what he wanted to do**

A) because they would get angry.

B) because he thought they would humiliate him.

C) because he felt stupid.

D) because there were others who played the drums.

**3) Donald's parents gave him the drum kit**

A) for his birthday.

B) in the summer holidays.

C) when he passed his exams.

D) for Christmas.

**4) Donald told his parents he wanted a drum kit**

A) while they were driving.

B) while they were shopping.

C) while having dinner.

D) on the phone.

**5) What would be a good introduction to this article?**

A) A famous drummer decided to tell the world about life in the fast lane, with the fame, the bright lights and the adoration.

B) Donny wanted to be a drummer, but wanting and doing are two different things. This is the story of how his dream came true.

C) A lot of kids dream of being famous musicians, even drummers, but this kind of life is not for everyone as Donny explains.

D) It's the classic story of small town kid making it big because of a stroke of luck. Winning a prize, or being discovered by chance by some big agent.