

I. FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKES WITH COLLOCATIONS IN SENTENCES 1 – 8 BELOW (rewrite the sentences, there's one mistake in one)

1. I really think listening music is relaxing.
2. Can you plat at a musical instrument?
3. I try to go as many live concerts as possible – they're great!
4. I watch at television in the evening after work.
5. It's much easier if I can make the shopping at the weekends.
6. I tend stay at home on Sundays.
7. Making yoga helps me switch off from problems at work.
8. I'm really in rock music – I love the strong beat.

II. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER: SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS?

1. I **have / am having** a ticket for the concert on Friday and I **get / am getting** really excited.
2. The group **come / are coming** from the same school as I went to, which makes it even more exciting.
3. They **perform / are performing** all over Europe now, or at least that's what my friend **tell / is telling me**.
4. They **become / are becoming** more popular now as more people **know / are knowing** about them and **download / are downloading** their music.
5. I **understand / am understanding** that the concert is sold out, so i just can't wait to **hear / be hearing** them play!
6. I **know / am knowing** one of the roadies and he **work / is working** backstage on some of their gigs here in the UK.
7. He **says / is saying** that the band **are really looking forward / really look forward** to coming back to their home town to play on Friday.
8. Their fans **love / are loving** them wherever they **play / are playing**, but we're special for them.
9. They've changed their style of playing a bit over the years. on their latest record they **sound / are sounding** more like Coldplay but I **like / am liking** it a lot.
10. Some people **criticise / are criticising** them for that, but I **disagree / am disagreeing**. I'm still their biggest fan.

III. READ THE TEXT BELOW AND DECIDE WHICH WORD (A, B, C or D) BEST FITS EACH GAP. THERE IS AN EXAMPLE AT THE BEGINNING.

MUSIC ON YOUR MIND

You know the feeling – you're listening to music and suddenly your whole (0) A changes from sad to happy. This mind – altering power of music is amazing, and internet music sites are using sophisticated ways

of (01) _____ us in touch with new artists. They search our downloaded files or online listening habits (02) _____ patterns, and the results are often surprising – would you believe that AC / DC fans may well enjoy Beethoven?

Musicians have been (03) _____ unforgettable music for centuries, using accepted ideas about the emotional appeal of certain combinations of musical sounds. It's (04) _____ knowledge that major chords sound upbeat (05) _____ minor chords sound mournful – in tests, even children as young as three connect music in major keys to happy faces. Scientists investigating the subject have been (06) _____ various experiments such as scanning the brains of people while they listen to music. One thing they (07) _____ across is that music triggers activity in the motor regions of the brain, which could explain why we often need to (08) _____ our feet to music. The possibilities for medicine and business are exciting.

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| 0. | A. mood | B. atmosphere | C. temper | D. idea |
| 1. | A. placing | B. putting | C. making | D. doing |
| 2. | A. looking out | B. looking for | C. looking up | D. looking after |
| 3. | A. constructing | B. forming | C. inventing | D. composing |
| 4. | A. great | B. usual | C. common | D. wide |
| 5. | A. while | B. during | C. since | D. so |
| 6. | A. taking | B. making | C. doing | D. having |
| 7. | A. came | B. went | C. brought | D. took |
| 8. | A. tap | B. bang | C. hit | D. strike |

IV. COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT IT HAS A SIMILAR MEANING TO THE FIRST SENTENCE, USING THE WORD GIVEN. DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. YOU MUST USE BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE WORDS, INCLUDING THE WORD GIVEN. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE (0)

0 *I decided not to learn to play the piano as it seemed very difficult.*

UP

I decided not to take up learning to play the piano because it seemed very difficult.

1. *I lived in London when I was a child, but now I live in Paris.*

USED

I lived in Paris now, but _____ London when I was a child.

2. *When I lived in London, I went to the music shop on the corner every Saturday.*

WOULD

Every Saturday _____ the music shop on the corner when I lived in London

3. *It's become easy for me to sing live as I do it so much*

GOT

I've _____ as I do it so much.

4. *I find watching TV quite relaxing in the evening.*

FEEL

Watching TV _____ in the evenings.

5. *I don't go to live concerts very often.*

HARDLY

I _____ live concerts

6. *I only found your message by chance when I was looking for something else.*

ACROSS

I _____ accident when I was looking for something else.

V. MATCH THE SENTENCES BELOW TO THE FUNCTIONS IN THE BOX. YOU CAN USE TWO OF THE FUNCTIONS MORE THAN ONCE

explaining	inviting	refusing an invitation	stating preferences
	making offers	making suggestions	

- What I'd rather do is go to the evening performance.
- I'm afraid I won't be able to make it in November.
- Maybe we could meet outside the box office at seven.
- The thing is, the venue's a difficult place to find so it's better to go together.
- I'm going to the gig in the park tonight – do you fancy coming along?
- July is the best month for festivals so that would be a really good time to come.
- Would you like me to buy the tickets?
- Unfortunately, that's when I have some of my exams.