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Music industry Compounds Phrases to describe success and failure Forming nouns from adjectives

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

backlash brainchild flop mainstream base soundproof

- 1 The film was a commercial _____, but over the years it has gained a cult following.
- 2 The blue LED (light-emitting diode) is the _____ of the Japanese inventor Shuji Nakamura.
- 3 Many companies try to market their products on social media; but insensitive social media campaigns can cause a _____ from users.
- 4 The school has a _____ room with various musical equipment, where student bands can practise and rehearse without bothering anyone.
- 5 I'm not very keen on _____ music – the stuff that's on the radio and in the pop charts; I find most of it unoriginal.

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2 Choose the best option.

- 1 Public pay phones, once so popular, _____ by the wayside after mobile phones became widespread.
A fell B dropped C stopped
- 2 Before they've had a chance to replace DVDs, Blue-ray discs are already _____ way to streaming video technology.
A surrendering B giving C losing
- 3 Piracy has resulted in a downturn _____ the sales of recorded music.
A in B of C into
- 4 Personal computers _____ into prominence in the 1980s.
A got B went C came

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5 In the 21st century, cassette tapes have _____ a resurgence in the independent music community.

A enjoyed B attracted C obtained

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3 Complete the sentences with the words formed from the words in brackets.

1 Despite the _____ of touchscreen smartphones, many people still prefer phones with physical keyboards. (PREDOMINANT)

2 Do you agree there's not enough _____ of the potential impact of electronic media on the social development of children? (AWARE)

3 The huge _____ of cassette tapes was partly due to the first portable music playing devices. (POPULAR)

4 Internet-based companies first came to _____ in the final years of the 20th century. (PROMINENT)

5 The DVD was a successful technology and it remained in the _____ for almost 20 years. (ASCENDANT)

6 To me, the most important features of a laptop are _____ and long battery life. (PORTABLE)

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