Exercises

77.1 What do you call the people who play the following instruments?

1 piano *pianist*
2 violin
3 guitar
4 cello
5 drums

77.2 Fill the gaps with the correct word.

1 Do you play a musical ..... ?
2 A: Do you like ..... music?
B: Yes, very much.
A: Who's your favourite ..... ?
B: It's hard to say, but I love Bach.
3 I sang in a ..... for years. We performed in churches all over the country.
4 Their new CD is ..... next week. I'm sure it'll go to number .....
5 Their first single was very popular, but they haven't ..... an album yet.
6 I think their ..... album is brilliant, and much better than their last one.

77.3 Now use the context and your own knowledge to fill the gaps with a suitable word.

1 He used to be conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic .....
2 Robbie Williams was in a ..... called Take That before he became a ..... artist.
3 Elton John ..... piano, and writes and ..... all his own songs.
4 I think 'Hey Jude' or 'I want to hold your hand' is the Beatles' biggest selling hit ..... , but 'Sergeant Pepper' is probably their most famous ..... . That or 'Abbey Road'.
5 I haven't been to the ..... since I saw *The Marriage of Figaro* last year.
6 Keith Richard has been ..... guitarist of the Rolling Stones for over 30 years.
7 Duke Ellington is one of the greatest ..... pianists ever.
8 'Waterloo' was one of Abba's most famous hit .....
9 Eric Clapton sings on his albums, but he first became famous as a .....
10 Before he became a solo artist, Sting was the ..... singer with Police.

77.4 Complete this story of Craig David's early years.

Craig David was born and grew up in Southampton, on the south coast of England. As a teenager he used to write his own (1) ..... on a dictaphone, and his (2) ..... in music at that time ranged from Terence Trent D'Arby to Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder. His first (3) ..... was 'Human', a version of the song that was a (4) ..... for the 'Human League'. After that David became better known, and his first album was (5) ..... in summer 2000.

77.5 Answer these questions. If possible, ask someone else the same questions.

1 What sort of music do you like best?
2 Who's your favourite singer/group/composer?
3 What was the last record or album you bought?
4 Has your musical taste changed in the last few years?

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