

UNIT 4

MUSIC AND ARTS

C. SPEAKING

I. Write questions for the underlined parts.

1. A: _____
B: I like pop music.
2. A: _____
B: My favourite song is Thriller.
3. A: _____
B: My mother's favourite composer is Trinh Cong Son.
4. A: _____
B: Water puppetry began in the 11th century.
5. A: _____
B: Alex goes to the Art Club twice a week.
6. A: _____
B: I don't like horror movies because I don't like the feeling of being scared.
7. A: _____
B: She has painted for more than five years.
8. A: _____
B: Dong Ho paintings are made in Dong Ho Village.

II. Put the dialogue into the correct order.

- ___ I enjoy Rock and R&B.
- ___ Perfect reason! Can you play any musical instrument?
- ___ Like what, for instance?
- ___ 1 What type of music do you like listening to?
- ___ I like the kinds of instruments that they use.
- ___ Why do you like that type of music?
- ___ I like listening to different kinds of music.
- ___ Thank you. That's very kind of you.
- ___ Wow! You are so talented!
- ___ Yes, I can play electric guitar and drums.

D. READING

I. Fill in each blank with a word from the box.



leaves long north artists printed
decoration layer talk

Dong Ho Painting is a kind of Vietnamese (1) _____ painting originating in Dong Ho Village, Bac Ninh Province. Dong Ho paintings have about 300 years of history in the (2) _____ of Vietnam.

Dong Ho pictures are (3) _____ on a special kind of Dzo paper. The printing paper is made of bark of a tree called “Dzo”. Colours of the painting are refined from various kinds of tree (4) _____, which people can easily find in Vietnam. Traditional (5) _____ use all-natural colours for their pictures: burnt bamboo leaves for black, cajuput leaves for green, copper rust for blue, etc. The painting is covered by a (6) _____ of sticky rice paste to protect the painting and their colours. They are so (7) _____ lasting, so that it is very difficult to make them dimmer even time or daylight.

Vietnamese people used to buy Dong Ho pictures for (8) _____ during Tet.

II. Read the text carefully then decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

Many students listen to music while they are studying, and say that it helps them learn. Many parents and teachers say that music is just distracting, and that students are better studying in silence. Who is right?

In a study, some scientists asked three groups of students to listen to a piece of music by Mozart or a relaxation tape for ten minutes, or just sit in silence for ten minutes. The students then did a ‘spatial reasoning’ test (a test about remembering shapes and imagining looking at objects from different directions), and the ones who had listened to the Mozart did better in the test.

Taking part in musical activities and learning to play an instrument can improve verbal memory (the ability to remember words). The longer the training lasts, the better the improvement in the memory. So, there’s no excuse to give up the piano lessons!

1. Many students think it’s helpful to listen to music when studying.
2. Teachers say music helps students to better concentrate.
3. The students who had listened to Mozart did better in the spatial reasoning test.
4. Listening to Mozart music will not make you smarter.
5. Music training helps to improve memory.