

## Reading – 7A: Do you want to practise For five hours or six?

A. **VOCABULARY:** Choose the best answer for each definition.

1. Many Chinese children are maths and musical **prodigies**.
  - a. exceptionally smart people
  - b. extremely hard-working people
  - c. very busy people
2. It is a book which caused great **controversy** among parents.
  - a. agreement
  - b. disagreement
  - c. bias
3. When their two daughters were born, she was **determined** that they would be as successful as she was.
  - a. having no purpose
  - b. having a clear/strong decision
  - c. having no clues
4. Playing with friends and watching TV was **forbidden**.
  - a. not encouraged
  - b. not allowed
  - c. not suggested
5. Music was **compulsory**.
  - a. Optional, can choose to do it or not
  - b. bad
  - c. necessary, must do it
6. Sophia and lulu were **outstanding pupils** and musical prodigies.
  - a. stubborn daughters
  - b. great friends
  - c. excellent students
7. It seems that Sophia and Lulu could have **excelled in** anything.
  - a. been bad at
  - b. been good at
  - c. been happy
8. Lulu had always **rebelled** the most. She refused to co-operate at all.
  - a. obeyed
  - b. complained
  - c. disobeyed (refuse to do something)
9. Lulu immediately gave up violin lessons and **took up** tennis.
  - a. Became interested in
  - b. gave up
  - c. looked up
10. The girls do not seem to **resent** their mother.
  - a. love
  - b. refuse
  - c. hate

**B. READING:** Write down T for True, F for False or DS for Doesn't Say next to the sentences below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese children are also physic geniuses.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Every parent agrees with what Amy Chua wrote in her book.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Amy Chua and her husband came from Harvard University.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ She wanted to make her children become successful like her.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ One of her rules of raising her children was that they had to be the best in every subject including gym.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Her daughters weren't allowed to go out with friends, watch TV.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Her strict system didn't work at all.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ When they were around 10, Sophia was a pianist, while Lulu was a violinist.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Before 13, Lulu had never rebelled at all.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ The girls now hate their mother.

**C. READING:** Read the text and answer the questions below.

1. What did Chua decide to do after having a lot of arguments with Lulu?

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2. Why did she send her daughter into the garden?

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3. How did the girls feel toward their mother?

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4. What are Sophia and Lulu doing now?

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5. Why does Chua not sure if her parenting system could be applied to boys?

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