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A. Listen to a short biography of Ludwig van Beethoven. Complete each sentence using ONE VERB from the recording. USE NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS on each line.



1. Ludwig van Beethoven _____ in Vonn, Germany.
2. He _____ to Vienna to study under Mozart.
3. After his mother's death, Beethoven _____ to Vienna.
4. Beethoven _____ to lose his hearing in the late 1790s.
5. After going deaf, he _____ to compose music.
6. Beethoven _____ much music in his later years.

B. Listen to the recording again. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

	T	F
1. Ludwig van Beethoven was younger than his brothers.		
2. Beethoven's mother died while he was in Vienna.		
3. Beethoven did not come back to his hometown after losing his mother.		
4. Unluckily, his first public performance did not go well.		
5. After being deaf his music became dark and nostalgic.		
6. Beethoven and his mother died in the same city.		

C. Use only the NUMBERS mentioned in the recording to complete each idea.



1. He published his first composition at the age of _____.
2. In _____ he gave his first public performance as a pianist.
3. Beethoven went completely deaf by _____.
4. He wrote *Heroica* in _____ and *Emperor* in _____.
5. He died on March _____, _____ after catching pneumonia.
6. More than _____ people came to his funeral.

D. Answer the following questions. Use NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) WORDS on each line.

1. Who played music in his family? _____.
2. What instruments did Beethoven learn to play? _____.
3. How did he feel in his later years? _____.
4. Did he get married? _____.
5. What two ideas did he express with his music? _____.

Level A2

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