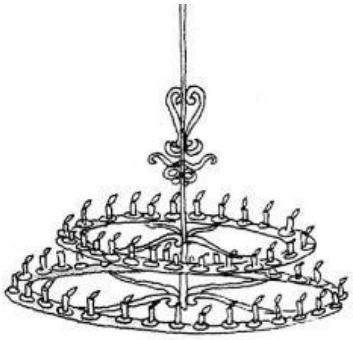
4 Young Mozart

Complete the text about Mozart's childhood.
Put in **when**, **while**, **as soon as**, **after** or **before**.
Sometimes, more than one answer is possible.



▸ *When* _____ Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born, his father worked as a violinist at the court at Salzburg.

Mozart's father was an ambitious man.
1 _____ Mozart was only four, his father started practising the piano with him.
2 _____ he realized how talented Mozart and his sister were, he began to teach them all he knew about music.

3 _____ Mozart was five years old, he had already learned to play the harpsichord. He started composing songs 4 _____ he was only five – 5 _____ he could read or write. His father used to write down the notes
6 _____ Mozart played his compositions at the piano.

In 1762, Mozart's father took his children to Munich and then to Vienna. In Vienna Mozart played for the Empress Maria Theresa. She loved his playing.
7 _____ he had finished playing, he climbed on her knee and gave her a kiss.

The following year, the Mozart family went on a tour of Europe. In Paris he played at the court of Louis XV. Mozart played the harpsichord 8 _____ one of the king's daughters sang an Italian song. Mozart had never heard the song before.

9 _____ he had learned to write, he wrote down his first great piano concertos. In Rome in 1770, 10 _____ Mozart was still only fourteen, he heard music in the Sistine Chapel.
11 _____ he got home, he wrote the music down perfectly from memory –
12 _____ he had heard it only once.

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