

Listening

1. Listen to a radio interview with Louise Willis. Circle the two words that describe what she is.

Artist sculptor designer photographer

2. Listen again. Circle the correct answer (a–c).

1. What do we find out about Louise's exhibition at the London Gallery?

- a) It took place recently.
- b) It's taking place now.
- c) It will take place soon.

2. What sort of works can people see at the London Gallery exhibition?

- a) Louise's most successful works of art.
- b) Works of art Louise produced in the past.
- c) Louise's latest works of art.

3. Louise has never tried

- a) installation art.
- b) sculpting.
- c) drawing.

4. In Louise's opinion, what can capture everyday life the best?

- a) photography
- b) painting
- c) drawing

The world's greatest charity concerts

Live Aid

All of the money raised from the two Live Aid concerts in London and Philadelphia in 1985 was donated to help victims of the terrible famine in Ethiopia. It was organized by the Irish rock star Bob Geldof, who, moved by images of starving children on the television, felt that something had to be done to help. What was amazing about the concerts was that almost all of the top bands at the time agreed to take part, which meant that the concerts became a phenomenal worldwide event watched on TV by almost two billion people. During the live broadcasts, TV viewers were invited to call in and donate money to the cause. Famously, Bob Geldof appeared on TV halfway through the broadcast, angry that people weren't giving enough money, and shouted at the audience, encouraging them to give more! Although a lot of money was raised and used to help famine victims, some people have criticized the concerts, arguing that a lot of the money was stolen by Ethiopia's corrupt government and used to pay for weapons.

Live 8

You have probably heard of Live 8. It was one of the most significant series of live concerts ever held, and the event had one very specific aim. Whereas previous charity concerts had aimed to raise money to help victims of disasters, Live 8 had a different intention. It wanted to put pressure on the leaders of the world's richest countries to increase their support for people in the developing world. That's why it was organized to take place on 2 July 2005, a few days before an important summit meeting of the leaders of the world's eight richest countries. The huge concerts, held in a number of major cities, drew enormous crowds and an even bigger television audience. In fact, three billion people watched the TV broadcasts of the shows, and stars as big as Madonna, U2, Paul McCartney and Pink Floyd performed. The world leaders' meeting in Scotland couldn't ignore the message, and, under pressure from the publicity that the concerts raised, they decided to double the amount of aid sent to Africa.

Live Earth

Live Earth took place in July 2007. It was a series of concerts which aimed to raise awareness of global warming, and, like Live Aid and Live 8, it featured a wide range of performers in a number of different locations around the world. The performances were shown on TV but, in a move that made it different from Live Aid and Live 8, the events were also streamed live on the internet. Although the event set records for online entertainment as millions watched it on the Live Earth website, TV viewing figures were disappointing in some countries, and planned future concerts were cancelled for a variety of reasons. Nevertheless, the organizers, which included former US vice president Al Gore, considered Live Earth a success as it has undoubtedly made people think more seriously about the future of our planet.

3. Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1. Live Aid raised money to help victims of natural disasters across much of Africa. ____
2. Most major international rock stars took time out to support Live Aid. ____
3. Money raised by Live Aid was donated after the live broadcasts. ____

4. People were happy with how the money raised by Live Aid was spent. ____
5. Live 8 had several small objectives. ____
6. Live 8 raised a lot of money for victims of natural disasters. ____
7. World leaders refused to take notice of Live 8's message. ____
8. Being the most recent of the three, Live Earth used the internet to stream its events. ____
9. Not as many people as expected watched Live Earth on their televisions. ____
10. Each of the three events was important in raising money or awareness. ____

4. Complete the text with the correct words (a–d).

Rear Window

Rear Window is one of the few thrillers 1 _____ to be a real cinema classic. 2 _____ makes it stand out from the rest is the way it is so gripping. From the window of the main character's flat, it looks 3 _____ a man has committed a crime in the apartment across the road, but he 4 _____ it. It's uncertain. The acclaimed director Alfred Hitchcock keeps us guessing. Using his binoculars, the main character, 5 _____ by James Stewart, thinks he's seen a tall, athletic, 6 _____-shouldered man kill his invalid wife. But has he? If you 7 _____ to know what happens, watch the film! I wish they 8 _____ films like Rear Window. Nowadays, filmmakers would rather produce violent, shocking films.

1 a considering b consider c considered d considerate

2 a That b Which c Why d What

3 a as b how c as if d though

4 a mustn't have done b might not have done c can't have done d shouldn't have done

5 a playing b is playing c played d is played

6 a wide b broad c short d long

7 a want b will want c are wanting d wanted

8 a still make b are still making c still made d will make

5. Complete the sentences with the words below.

beauty success maturity vision dedication originality

1 Dennis Grayson works harder at being a sculptor than anyone else. He works all day every day. With so much _____, I hope he becomes more well-known.

2 Monet's art has great _____. There is nothing more lovely and pleasing to look at.

3 Yvonne Day has won lots of awards and been praised by everybody. No other artist has had more _____ than she has.

4 She writes brilliant plays. She has such _____ about our future lives.

5 The writer is only thirteen, but his poems suggest that he's older. They show such _____.

6 Nobody has ever painted anything like this new artist's work before. He shows great _____.

6. Choose the correct word (a–c) to complete the idioms.

1 The poets came to take part in the competition from _____ and wide.

a far b broad c narrow

2 A lot of new artistic styles come about as a result of trial and _____.

a failing b error c mistakes

3 Although my grandparents are both very old, they're still alive and _____.

a well b good c better

4 I'm sick and _____ of this music. Can you switch it off, please?

a tired b scared c bored

5 Pick and _____ the exhibits on the museum tour that you would most like to visit.

a choose b change c check

6 The author never stopped writing, despite his life having some ups and _____.

a lows b downs c falls

7. Complete the text with the words below.

Elaborate dramatic flowing romantic comical lifelike moving original

During this week on our new Theatre Radio Programme, you'll hear 1 _____ plays that will make you fall in love, 2 _____ plays that will make you cry, and 3 _____ plays that are really funny. Also, we'll be talking about Gary Adams, whose short stories are both 4 _____ (smooth and continuous) and 5 _____ (very complicated!). We'll also profile Jerry Thompson, a young actor whose style is new, interesting and very 6 _____. This guy is not like other actors!

On Friday, you'll hear a new play by a famous science-fiction writer, Keith Ray, whose fantastic stories are fast, full of action and very 7 _____ – you never know what's going to happen next. And on Sunday morning you'll hear an interview with Alan Peters, who creates real, believable and 8 _____ characters.

8. Match the words in A to the words in B to make compound adjectives. Then complete the sentences.

A little cutting eagerly family first open world talked

B -known -awaited -edge -famous -time -air -oriented -about

1. The performance is _____, so you can bring young children.
2. It's a _____ performance. In other words, it's very new, modern and in a style that most people won't have seen before.
3. This film is _____. Everybody's been looking forward to it for years!
4. Everybody in the world knows this artist's name. He's _____.
5. The story is about a young and _____ offender.
6. All the people I know keep talking about this film. It's the most _____ event of the year!
7. Unfortunately, the painter was _____ in his lifetime. He became famous only ten years after his death.
8. This year the literature festival is an outdoor, _____ event. We are hoping for good weather!

9. Rewrite the phrases in brackets as participle clauses.

- 1) A Chinese travelling circus, _____ (which was formed) in the 1990s, is about to start a European tour.
- 2) Mike studies poetry _____ (which was written) by medieval poets.
- 3) A well-known writer, _____ (who lives) in Cheshire, has released a new book.

- 4) On their next album, the band is going to include some songs _____ (which were written) in 2010.
- 5) When Jack went travelling, he started with the places _____ (which were recommended) by his friends.
- 6) The actors are wearing costumes _____ (which were made) by a Japanese designer.
- 7) The author signed his autograph on the first page of the book _____ (which was bought) at the presentation.
- 8) The song _____ (which will open) the festival will be performed by Annie Scott.

10. Circle the word (a–c) that cannot be used to complete the sentences.

- 1 _____ of the performers were professional actors. a A few b Most c A little
- 2 _____ of the dancers decided to have a rest before the show. a Some b All c Every
- 3 _____ people don't take modern art seriously. a Many b Much c Some
- 4 I borrow an audio guide _____ time I visit a museum. a every b some c each
- 5 _____ of us would like to know more about contemporary art. a Every b Each c All
- 6 _____ musician in the orchestra can play different instruments. a Each b Every c All
- 7 Our coffee shop offers coffee grown by _____ of the world's best producers. a many b some c much
- 8 The band got _____ money for their performance. a a few b some c a little

11. Circle the correct words to complete the text.

Every summer, 1 many / none of my friends and I attend a big folk festival 2 taking / took place in a field not far from our town. Actually, not 3 much / many of my friends are interested in folk music, but they don't mind joining me and spending 4 a few / a little time outdoors. 5 Most / All of the bands at the festival are really good, although a few are awful! You can even buy a CD of 6 each / every of them, right here in the middle of the field. We spend 7 most / many of the day listening to songs 8 sung / singing by folk bands from all over the world.