

**Task 1. Read the advertisements and match the questions with the correct information.**

**Hotel Advertisements**

**A. Mountain View Retreat** Escape to the tranquil Mountain View Retreat, nestled in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Enjoy breathtaking views, luxurious rooms, and world-class amenities, including a spa, indoor pool, and gourmet dining. Perfect for a romantic getaway or a peaceful retreat. Book now and immerse yourself in nature's beauty.

**B. Urban Oasis Hotel** Located in the bustling city center, Urban Oasis Hotel offers the perfect blend of comfort and convenience. Our modern rooms feature state-of-the-art technology and stylish décor. Enjoy easy access to top attractions, fine dining, and shopping. Ideal for business travelers and urban explorers alike. Experience the vibrant city life with us.

**C. Beachside Paradise Resort** Step into paradise at Beachside Paradise Resort, where the sandy shores and crystal-clear waters await you. Our resort features private beachfront villas, water sports activities, and exquisite dining options. Whether you're seeking adventure or relaxation, our resort offers the ultimate beach vacation experience.

**D. Historic Grand Hotel** Stay at the Historic Grand Hotel, a landmark of elegance and charm. Our beautifully restored rooms and suites reflect the grandeur of a bygone era, while offering modern comforts. Located in the historic district, you'll be steps away from museums, theaters, and cultural sites. Experience a timeless stay with exceptional service.

**Which advertisement is about:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ -An ideal spot for those interested in cultural and historical experiences?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ -A place which offers a complimentary breakfast buffet and a rooftop lounge?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ -A place where guests can enjoy both city life and modern comforts?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ -A hotel which is known for its pet-friendly policies and dog-walking services?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ -A scenic spot perfect for those who love nature and tranquility?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ -An exclusive resort offering water activities and relaxation?

**Task 2. Read the text and match the headings (1-8) to the paragraphs (A-E). There are three extra headings.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Section A.** Humans universally recognize and create music, from Stone Age tribesmen to modern teenagers. This is puzzling since music isn't essential for survival or reproduction. Unlike language, which helps in organizing, building, and communicating, music seems unnecessary. Yet, scientists are intrigued by its connection to language. Language is seen as vital for understanding human intelligence, while music has been considered a luxury. However, this view is changing.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Section B.** Recent neuroscience research shows that music and language might be equally important in understanding humans. Studies suggest that the sounds of music and language are deeply connected. Traditionally, music has been seen as having universal qualities, like the use of the 12-note chromatic scale. This preference has been linked to the mathematical properties of sound. Pythagoras noted that harmony is related to the physical dimensions of objects producing sound.

**Section C.** However, David Schwartz and colleagues argue that our musical preferences are shaped by the sounds of real life, especially speech, rather than mathematical ratios. They analyzed speech sounds from various languages and found that the frequencies correspond to the chromatic scale. Music, like visual arts, reflects our experience of the natural world. This suggests that our preference for music comes from sounds familiar to us, especially those that resemble human speech. This raises questions about whether music or language came first in evolution. It's unclear, but both seem to come from the same system, influencing our preferences.

**Section D.** This study also touches on whether animals understand music. Although animals like birds and whales produce sounds, they don't seem to appreciate human music. Laboratory animals show some recognition of human tunes, but this likely reflects general auditory features rather than a musical ability. Animals' "music" would differ from ours, based on their sound environment. To prove animals don't appreciate music like humans, we'd need to see how they respond to music from their own sounds.

**Section E.** The deep connection between language and music is evident in babies. Sandra Trehub from the University of Toronto notes that mothers use musical speech to soothe and communicate with infants. This speech-song blend puts babies in a trancelike state. This suggests that music might be more necessary than we realize, deeply rooted in our biology just like language.

1. Communication in music with animals
2. New discoveries on animal music
3. Music and language contrasted
4. Current research on music
5. Music is beneficial for infants.
6. Music transcends cultures.
7. Look back at some of the historical theories
8. Are we genetically designed for music?

**Task 3. Choose the correct option to fill in the gaps (1-9).**

The significant (1) \_\_\_\_\_ impact animals have on helping people recover from various health and emotional challenges has long been (2) \_\_\_\_\_ recognised. Now, a survey published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology suggests that pet ownership can (3) \_\_\_\_\_ healthy individuals as well. Several experiments (4) \_\_\_\_\_ by two universities in the United States indicate that pet owners tend to be happier, healthier, fitter, more confident, and better able to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ with everyday challenges compared to non-owners.

The researchers found that individuals have just as (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship with their significant others, in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ words family and friends, as they do with their pets. Although no (8) \_\_\_\_\_ was found that people prefer emotional relationships with pets over those with other people, a study of university students revealed that owning a pet helped them (9) \_\_\_\_\_ over a breakup with a partner.

**Task 4. Read the texts below. For questions space (1-5) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).**

### **Interesting facts about Canada**

Did you know Canadians eat more pancakes than 1) \_\_\_\_\_ country? It's 2) \_\_\_\_\_ strange, and nobody really knows why, but this has been confirmed by several companies. It 3) \_\_\_\_\_ be connected to the fact that 77% of the world's maple syrup is produced in Quebec – you can even find people making candies from maple syrup and snow during the winter! This all just 4) \_\_\_\_\_ that breakfast food is serious business in Canada – they even have more donut shops per capita than anywhere in the world! I'm not sure many people would know what to do if they 5) \_\_\_\_\_ their breakfast food!

**Task 5. Choose the correct verb to complete each collocation.**

1. He needs to \_\_\_\_\_ a decision about his career.
2. She will \_\_\_\_\_ a presentation on environmental conservation tomorrow.
3. After a long week, I like to \_\_\_\_\_ a break and relax.
4. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ an eye on my bag while I go to the restroom?
5. He is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ a goal to improve his English skills.
6. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ an agreement before the end of the week.
7. They are planning to \_\_\_\_\_ a new product next month.
8. He has to \_\_\_\_\_ an exam next week.
9. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ track of all our expenses.
10. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ ahead with his travel plans.
11. Can you help me \_\_\_\_\_ up the decorations for the party?
12. They plan to \_\_\_\_\_ on a trip to Europe next summer.
13. She promised to \_\_\_\_\_ in touch with her old friends.