

The piano by Rosemary Border

1. Read the summary and fill in the needed words from the table:

pianist, rubbish, conversation, a journalist, notes, poor, a job, competition, farmer, kind, clean, hard-working, lorry, shoes

Sir Anthony Evans, the famous 1. _____, tells the story of his early life to Sally Hill, 2. _____, before he plays at his eightieth birthday concert.

When Tony was young he was 3. _____ and did not shine at school. When he left school at 13, his mother got him 4. _____ on the farm.

The 5. _____ and his wife, Mr and Mrs Wood, had a daughter Linda, but no son and they were kind to Tony who was very 6. _____.

One day Tony and two other boys, Pip and John, had to clean out the 7. _____ and found a piano. When Tony saw the piano, he began to play, the children were surprised at how beautifully he played. Mr Wood was not interested in the piano and let Tony take it.

Later the boys took the piano in the 8. _____ to the local school, empty until the end of the holidays. Linda and Tony kept his playing a secret and she taught Tony how to read 9. _____.

One day, Mr Gordon heard Tony playing and decided to give Tony free lessons every afternoon.

Next spring Tony entered the 10. _____. His shoes were too small but when he started playing he forgot about it and won the competition.

2. Write the words:

