Read the following text and make a skim and scan for relevant information.

Choosing a musical instrument

Many people would like to learn how to play a musical instrument, but they are put off by one big problem: what to play? Here are a few questions to help you decide.

What kind of music do you like? Many instruments are versatile, but some are more suited to certain types of music. Although there is some classical repertoire for the saxophone, for example, people associate it more with jazz, and it is not a permanent feature of many orchestras. Some instruments may lend themselves better than others to the music you like, so consider this before you start.

Do you want to play with other people? Think about your long-term future as a musician. If you want to play with other people, what sort of instrument would be most practical? The initial attraction of playing a dazzling solo instrument like trumpet, violin, flute or lead guitar might fade when you realize how many other people are competing with you to get the main part with the same instrument! If you want to play rock music, there will always be a demand for bass players or drummers, and if you fancy being part of an orchestra, the bassoon is a great bet to make sure you are always needed.

Where are you going to practice? Many people live in flats and practicing the drums, for example, will drive your neighbors crazy. Think about where and when you are going to practice, as well as the patience of the people you live with or nearby. Electric versions of instruments like the piano, drums, guitar and even violin give you the option of playing into the night using headphones, while your housemates sleep in peace. Alternatively, you may need to consider going to a school or a community center to practice.

1. Read the text again and answer the following questions.

What should you consider when choosing a musical instrument?

Why might a bass player or drummer be in high demand in a rock band?

What is one problem with learning to play the drums in a flat?

Which instrument is more likely to be needed in an orchestra?

2. Answer TRUE or False according to the information of the reading

a) The saxophone is mostly associated with classical music.
b) Electric versions of some instruments allow you to practice quietly with headphones.
c) Everyone who plays an instrument wants to perform solo.

3. Join the questions with the correct answer

- Where can you practice if you live in a small flat?
- Why is the bassoon a good choice for an orchestra?
- Why are bass players always in demand in rock bands?

- Because there are fewer bass players than lead guitarists.
- Because it is always needed in an orchestra.
- In a school or community center, or using an electric version with headphones.

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