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Imagine if everyone in your street suddenly came out onto the road one day and started singing together. Singing teacher Ruth Black believes it would make everyone so friendly that they would never walk past each other again without saying hello.

Singing helps people live in peace together, she says. All over the world people have always sung together and in most places, they still do, but in England it is no longer traditional. Nowadays, says Ruth, people only sing together in churches and football grounds, although it could be done anywhere. Everyone is able to sing, she says, but most of us either think we can't or have forgotten what we learned as children. Moreover, some people become so shy when performing to the crowds.

However, as with everything musical, you need to practice and the same applies to your voice. Ruth believes that singing itself brings other benefits. It encourages good breathing, for example. Through singing, people often become more confident and also learn to control stress. But more than anything, it brings people together.

When Ruth first started singing, there was little opportunity to sing with others. Then, through a friend, she discovered an excellent singing class and became so **keen** that she started to **run** her own classes. These are held twice a month for all singers, whatever their level, and are now enormously successful.

Question 1: What is the writer trying to do in this article?

- A. Explain why singing has become less popular everywhere
- B. Describe a teacher's ideas about the importance of singing
- C. Advertise a teacher's singing classes
- D. Encourage children to learn to sing

Question 2: According to the passage, where can people sing nowadays?

- A. traditional events
- B. churches
- C. sport events
- D. everywhere

Question 3: Ruth believes the main benefit of singing with other people is that _____.

- A. you learn to breathe more easily
- B. you can get to know other people
- C. you can control your stress
- D. you become a confident singer

Question 4: The word "**run**" in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. participate
- B. move
- C. apply
- D. operate

Question 5: According to the passage, people think they rarely sing because of some reasons EXCEPT _____.

- A. They do not believe in their ability
- B. They cannot remember what they learned when they were young
- C. They are not confident in front of groups of people
- D. They don't think singing really brings benefits

Question 6: The word "**keen**" in the last paragraph is opposite in meaning to _____.

- A. interested
- B. amazed
- C. unpleasant
- D. attractive