4.3 Reading

A post on how people enjoy music

1 Read the blog post and choose the correct answer.

1	a an event	b a live	c an audience
2	a train	b record	c practise
3	a as	b than	c from
4	a track	b music	c lyrics
5	a write	b make	c play
6	a time	b live	c life

2 Read the blog post again. Which person talks about these things: Cara, Javier, Yuki or Karol?

1 scientific research *Yuki*
2 getting good reviews _____
3 starting university _____
4 going to a concert _____

3 **WORD FRIENDS** Choose the correct option.

1 It isn't easy to *write* / *make* lyrics.
2 Sometimes I *sing* / *listen* along to songs.
3 The band *downloaded* / *livestreamed* the concert so I watched it from home.
4 I downloaded my best friend's *lyrics* / *playlist*. I love her taste in music.
5 My favourite singer has just *recorded* / *downloaded* a new track. I love it.
6 Do you like *going* / *making* to live performances?
7 I never buy CDs, I only *stream* / *get* music.
8 Do you *lip-synch* / *record* to music videos?

Playing a musical instrument makes you happy

Most people like listening to music, but what about playing a musical instrument? I've asked some of my friends to share their experiences of learning to make music.



Cara

I decided to learn the piano after going to [1] ___ performance. I've been to lots of concerts, but this was the best. Playing the piano is not as difficult as it looks, but you have to [2] ___ a lot. My favourite thing is playing for other people. I love seeing how happy my music makes them. It also helps me to relax. I like playing before I do my homework. Everything is better when you feel relaxed.



Yuki

I've always loved the violin, but my parents thought school was more important [3] ___ music. I decided to do some research and show them how learning an instrument is good for the brain. Scientists say that it can make you smarter! Now I play in my school orchestra. Last year we livestreamed a concert and thousands of viewers watched it.



Javier

I started playing the guitar when I was ten, but I didn't work very hard and I was the worst in my group. Then last year, I moved schools and it was more difficult to make friends than I expected. When my school organised a music competition, I decided to take part. It was a good idea! Now I'm in a band and I've got some new friends. Last month, we played a concert and we've even recorded a [4] ___! We got great reviews online.



Karol

I play the drums and sometimes I [5] ___ lyrics too. I'm quite shy and my hobby helps me to be more confident. I'm the only one in my year who plays the drums, so I'm often asked to play in performances. I'm going to university soon and I'm thinking about changing to a different instrument. I can't imagine [6] ___ without music, but the drums aren't easy enough to transport.

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