

Unit 9

A Complete the words in these sentences.

- 1 You knew what you were doing was wrong and you would get into trouble; now it's time to face the m _____.
- 2 You can't trust Paul with a secret like that; he'll sing like a c _____ if he gets caught.
- 3 She just got a small part in a TV commercial, but she made such a song and d _____ about it you'd think she was starring in a major Hollywood production.
- 4 When he first started out he said he would never play in a TV series, but he soon changed his t _____ when he was faced with the reality of how difficult it was to get a good part.
- 5 Her first exhibition was a great success; she had all the major critics singing her p _____.
- 6 This is such a good piano; I can't believe I bought it for a s _____ at that second hand shop.
- 7 Your offer to let us use your venue for our next concert is music to my e _____.
- 8 It is the fact that Jake is always blowing his own t _____ that makes everyone dislike him so much.

B Choose the correct words.

- 1 I realise I'm not good enough to have a solo career, but I can still make a decent living as a **background / backing** singer.
- 2 Duane has every single record that the band has ever made, including an original vinyl copy of their **debut / premiere** album.
- 3 Your upbringing and education play a major role in the musical **choices / tastes** you will develop.
- 4 Alicia finally got her break when the **lead / front** vocalist got the flu and she was asked to step in.
- 5 There's nothing extraordinary about their music – it's just **mainstream / middling** pop.
- 6 I was shocked to learn that many very famous musicians cannot even **see / read** music – they just play by ear!
- 7 Rena's dream was to go to a school for the **performance / performing** arts, but her parents wouldn't hear of it.
- 8 You've got a good voice, but you really need to work on your **high / tall** notes.
- 9 The music to this song is really upbeat, but the **lyrics / verses** are so sad.
- 10 The reviews of the concert say that the **opening / starting** act was better than the main event.
- 11 Their new album was a great hit; it sold more than 50,000 **copies / pieces** in the first week it was released!
- 12 It was such a unique feeling to hear my poems **played / set** to music.

C Complete the text with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Ben Hur, an epic American classic, is considered to be one of ¹ _____ (great) films ever made, and was even ranked second ² _____ (good) American epic film by the American Film Institute. The film had a much ³ _____ (high) budget than any other film of that time and ⁴ _____ (many) than 200 camels and 2,500 horses were used for the shooting. The nine-minute chariot race that is one of the film's ⁵ _____ (famous) sequences, was ⁶ _____ (long) sequence ever filmed to that day.

The film grossed ⁷ _____ (much) money and ⁸ _____ (fast) sales than any other film of its time. It won a record of eleven Academy Awards in 1959; ⁹ _____ (large) number ever awarded to a single film until 1997 when it was equalled by *Titanic*.

So, whether you are a fan or not, there can be no doubt that *Ben Hur* will always be one of ¹⁰ _____ (influential) films in the history of cinema.

D Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the words in bold.

- 1 I loved the book because it was very well written.
WAS
The book _____ I loved it.
- 2 The show was a huge success because it got great reviews.
THAT
The show _____ it was a huge success.

- 3 The compilation isn't worth buying because there are only a few good songs in it.

IN

There are _____ the compilation that it isn't worth buying.

- 4 I know I will never get a lead role because I am not very talented.

TO

I know I am _____ a lead role.

- 5 We could barely fit all our props on the stage.

JUST

The stage _____ to fit all our props.

- 6 We don't have enough space to show off the paintings properly.

TOO

We have _____ to show the paintings properly.

- 7 The lead actor was ill and couldn't perform last night.

NOT

The lead actor _____ to perform last night.

- 8 I am sorry you didn't win the award

SUCH

It is _____ you didn't win the award.