

3. Guided Cloze 3

Read the following passages and choose the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Playing the Violin

Learning to play a musical instrument is a wonderful hobby for teenagers. Among many instruments, _____(1) is very popular but also quite challenging. To play the violin well, you need _____(2) regular lessons. A music teacher can guide you on how to hold the violin and use the bow correctly. It is not an _____(3) hobby, and you must practice every day.

This hobby helps you _____(4) your patience because learning even a simple song takes a long time. However, the _____(5) of playing the violin are valuable. It helps you focus and improves your hearing skills. When you play your favorite music, it helps you relax and reduces _____(6) after a busy day at school. If you have some free time, playing the violin is a great hobby to try.

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| 1. a) plays the violin | b) playing the violin | c) played the violin | d) play the violin |
| 2. a) took | b) taking | c) take | d) to take |
| 3. a) unusual | b) easy-to-do | c) valuable | d) hard-to-build |
| 4. a) collect | b) grow | c) develop | d) make |
| 5. a) problems | b) materials | c) lessons | d) benefits |
| 6. a) stress | b) money | c) health | d) creativity |