

My three favourite school subjects

A Biology

I love biology because we discuss all kinds of important things. The time passes quickly in class and usually we don't finish our work before the end of the lesson. Then we have to take it home to do. That's OK because we download free videos and write notes about what we learn. Sometimes in class we use special equipment to do tests. I really enjoy this activity because we're allowed to choose who we work with, and my two best friends and I can be together.

B Geography

I've always loved geography because I'm really interested in different places in the world. We sometimes go into the playground to draw the countryside around the school, but it's a pity we can't do trips to places like the beach or the mountains. The teacher gave everyone in the group a textbook to take home, but we had to get our own colouring pens and pay for a software program for drawing maps.

C History

I didn't use to enjoy history that much, but now I love watching programmes about the subject in my free time. So far this year, our group has been to two museums, and I think we'll visit a few other places before the end of the year. At the moment, we're studying the history of medicine and learning about some very strange medicines and equipment. The teacher gives us information and we have to write lots of notes in our exercise books. If we want, we can draw a few pictures for homework.

1 Which subject offers students several trips?

A biology B geography C history

2 Which subject includes working in small groups?

A biology B geography C history

3 Which subject needs extra equipment that students have to buy?

A biology B geography C history

4 Which subject has a lot of homework?

A biology B geography C history

5 Which subject has some lessons outdoors?

A biology B geography C history

6 Which subject teaches students about something unusual?

A biology B geography C history

7 Which subject includes watching videos?

A biology B geography C history



A rock concert

Famous groups don't come to my town very often, so when my brother _____ me a poster for a concert by my favourite band, I was really _____. We asked some friends if they wanted to join us, and we bought the tickets.

A few weeks later, we _____ a bus to the concert, which was in a stadium in our town. We didn't know the first band who played as they weren't famous. I _____ their music was OK, but it wasn't great. I couldn't wait for my favourite group to play. When they finally came onto the _____, everyone starting shouting. They played all of their best songs and, of course, the crowd all sang. I don't think I will _____ forget that night.

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| 1 A took | B explained | C showed |
| 2 A excited | B interesting | C funny |
| 3 A travelled | B caught | C went |
| 4 A want | B suppose | C hope |
| 5 A theatre | B curtain | C stage |
| 6 A still | B already | C ever |



For each question, write the correct answer. Write ONE word for each gap.

Hi Mum and Dad,

I hope everything's OK _____ home. I arrived in New Zealand yesterday. On the plane, I sat next a really nice woman who told me about _____ of interesting places I could visit while I'm here. And I've found a place to stay _____ isn't too expensive. I'm going to be in New Zealand for nearly _____ month, and then I'm going to fly to _____ USA.

Dad, did you ask your friend Patricia in San Francisco _____ it's OK for me to stay with her next month?

I'll write again soon.

Sonia



Playing the drums

Beth Jones was only eight years old when she first tried playing the drums. This was during a lunchtime music club at school, which she only went to because it was cold and rainy. Also her friends were in the playground playing hockey – a sport that Beth hated. Of all the musical instruments that the teacher had in the music room, the drums were the most interesting to Beth. She thought it was cool that there were many different shapes and sizes of drums, and she wanted to hit them, to see what they sounded like.

Now Beth is thirteen and gives concerts around the country. She also has her own YouTube channel and gets over a million hits a year. What's amazing is that Beth hasn't ever been to a drum lesson. 'You can learn anything on the internet, so I've never felt it was important for me to take classes,' explains Beth.

Giving concerts wasn't easy for Beth at the beginning because usually she only played drums alone in her bedroom when she came home from school. At her first concert, she played in a band with adults. She could feel hundreds of pairs of eyes looking at her, and that made her feel frightened.

So, does Beth enjoy being famous now? 'I didn't plan to be famous,' she says. 'All I want is to show others what I love. I don't think I'm someone special. I just want everyone to have a great time at my concerts.'

1 Why did Beth go to the music club at her school?

- A She was too ill to play hockey outside.
- B She wanted something to do one lunchtime.
- C Her friends were away from school on a sports trip.

2 What is the writer explaining in the first paragraph?

- A Why Beth chose the drums and not another instrument.
- B Why the music teacher wanted Beth to try the drums.
- C Why Beth thought the drums were so hard to play.

3 What does Beth say about drum lessons?

- A She is sometimes sorry she didn't take lessons.
- B She thinks lessons can be useful for some people.
- C She has always thought she doesn't need lessons.

4 What do we learn about Beth's first concert?

- A It was scary because many people were watching her.
- B It was easier playing in a band than at home alone.
- C It was difficult to be in a concert and do her schoolwork.

5 What do we learn about Beth in the final paragraph?

- A Being a young drummer makes her feel special.
- B She hopes people enjoy themselves at her concerts.
- C Her life has changed a lot since she became famous.



LISTENING 1: Write one word or a number or a date or a time. You will hear a woman talking about renting a boat for a holiday.

Riverboat Holidays

Name of boat: Moonlight

Boat is for: (1) between two and _____ people

Dates available this year: 1st –31st (2)

Total cost: (3) £ _____ per week

Must bring: (4)

Phone number to book: (5)



LISTENING 2: For each question, choose the correct answer. You will hear Jack talking to his friend Martin about music.

1 What is the name of Martin's music teacher?

- A Harry
- B Peter
- C Steve

2 Martin has music lessons on

- A Tuesdays.
- B Thursdays.
- C Saturdays.

3 How long does Martin practise at the weekend?

- A 1 hour
- B 2 hours
- C 3 hours

4 Martin likes the music festival because

- A tickets are free.
- B the bands are local.
- C there are lots of people there.

5 Jack will arrive at the music festival

- A at 6:15.
- B at 7:00.
- C at 7:45.

