



INTERMEDIATE

UNITS 3 AND 4

1. Reading: / 10 p

Child prodigies

A child prodigy is a child who has a very special ability in a particular area. Here are some examples of child prodigies from the world of music.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Austria in 1756 and is one of history's most famous child prodigies. His father described him as the 'miracle that God let be born in Salzburg'. He started playing the harpsichord (a string instrument with a keyboard like that of the piano) at the age of four, and started to compose his own pieces of music at the age of five. When he was just eight years old, he went on a tour of Europe with his father and older sister (who was also an incredibly talented musician) and he published his first music.



More recently, 12-year-old Russian pianist **Evgeny Kissin** left his audience astonished when he played with the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra in 1984. He was not well known before that performance, but the next morning he was a star. When he was still a baby, Evgeny enjoyed listening to his older sister playing the piano and singing the tunes he had heard. At the age of two he took up the piano, but it wasn't until he went to school that he learned to read music. He gave his first performance when he was seven years old and it was his own music that he played.

Five-year-old Chinese-Canadian **Ryan Wang** caused a sensation when he appeared on The Ellen Show in the USA in 2013. When the show's presenter Ellen Degeneres asked him to explain his remarkable talent for playing the piano, little Ryan said: 'It's just in my memory' and 'it just goes to my fingers'. 101-year-old grandma Dorothy Landsay saw him playing on television and became his biggest fan. When the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation heard about this, they asked Ryan to play in person for the elderly lady so that she could hear him playing more clearly. The two became good friends and Ryan said: 'I like playing for Grandma Dorothy because it makes her happy'.

Write True (T) or False (F).

- 1 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's published his first music at the age of five. ____
- 2 Evgeny Kissin learned to play the piano before he learned to read music. ____
- 3 Evgeny Kissin became famous after he appeared on the The Ellen Show. ____
4. Ryan Wang said that he had a good memory and special fingers. ____
- 5 Evgeny Kissin and Mozart were not the only musicians in their families. ____

2. Use of English:

Activity 1: Choose the correct option to complete the definition. / 5 p

1 An audience _____ a show.

a watches b performs c directs

2 A show is a _____.

a performance b band c venue

3 Wembley Stadium and The Royal Albert Hall are _____.

a bands b orchestras c venues

4 _____ usually play classical music.

a Venues b Brass bands c Orchestras

5 The _____ is a brass instrument.

a violin b flute c trumpet



Activity 2: Choose the correct option to complete the sentences. / 5p

1 My **enemies / guests** came to my party.

2 I play football with my **girlfriends / team-mates**.

3 I met my **relative / online friend** Clara on the internet.

4 I don't like my **close friend / enemy**.

5 My **neighbour / team-mate** lives next door.

Activity 3: Choose the correct option to complete the sentence. / 5p

1. I don't mind [**showing / to show**] you some guitar techniques if you've got some time.

2. Gabriel wants [**to be / being**] a professional singer.

3. Which do you prefer: playing live or [**working / to work**] in the studio?

4. If you decide [**to learn / learning**] to play the flute, I know someone who can teach you.

5. It was the singer Jackie Leven who inspired me [**to write / writing**] music of my own.

Activity 4: FIRST CONDITIONAL. Match the sentence halves. / 5 p

If you eat too much, I'll be disappointed

if it doesn't rain tomorrow I'll be happy

if I pass my final exam you'll feel unwell

I'll phone you If you pay for dinner,

We'll go to the park If I need your help,

I'll pay for lunch if you don't come to the party

1. **I'll be disappointed if you don't come to the party.**

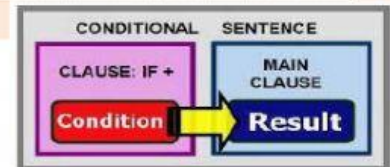
2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____



Activity 5: SECOND CONDITIONAL. Circle the correct option. / 5 p

- 1- IF I **KNEW/ WOULD KNOW** THE ANSWER I **WOULD TELL** YOU
- 2- IF MARY **HAD** HIS CELL PHONE NUMBER, SHE **WOULD PHONE/ PHONED** HIM.
- 3- IF HE **WOULDN'T BE/ WASN'T** SO SHY, HE **WOULD GO** TO PARTIES.
- 4- IF I **WERE** RICH, I **WOULD TRAVEL/ TRAVELLED** AROUND THE WORLD.
- 5- SHE **WOULD GET** THE JOB IF THE **WOULD SPEAK/ SPOKE** ENGLISH.

Activity 6: Choose the correct option to complete the sentences: / 5 p

- a. **If you study hard, ...**
 You would pass your exams.
 You will pass your exams.
- b. **I would phone him if ...**
 I had his phone number
 I have his phone number
- c. **She will miss the buss if ...**
 She didn't hurry up.
 She doesn't hurry up
- d. **If she was rich...**
 She will travel all over the world.
 She would travel all over the world.
- e. **If you go to the exhibition next week**
 I will join you.
 I would join you.

Activity 7: Put the verb into the correct form: / 10p

1. If I did more exercise, I _____ (feel) better.
2. If they offered me the job, I _____ (take) it.
3. I _____ (not pass) my exams if I don't practise.
4. If Tina _____ (have) time, she will help us bake some cakes.
5. If I were you, I _____ (tell) them the truth

a. LISTENING:

Listen to the radio interview and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

1 The radio DJ Noel Graham tells us that the musicians appearing on his show are ...

A popular B incredible. C bad at what they do.

2 The festival is called...

A The best music festival

B SuperMusic

C Get together now festival

3 He also says that the musicians ...

A won't be paid to perform.

B will give their pay to schools.

C will volunteer for wildlife protection charities.

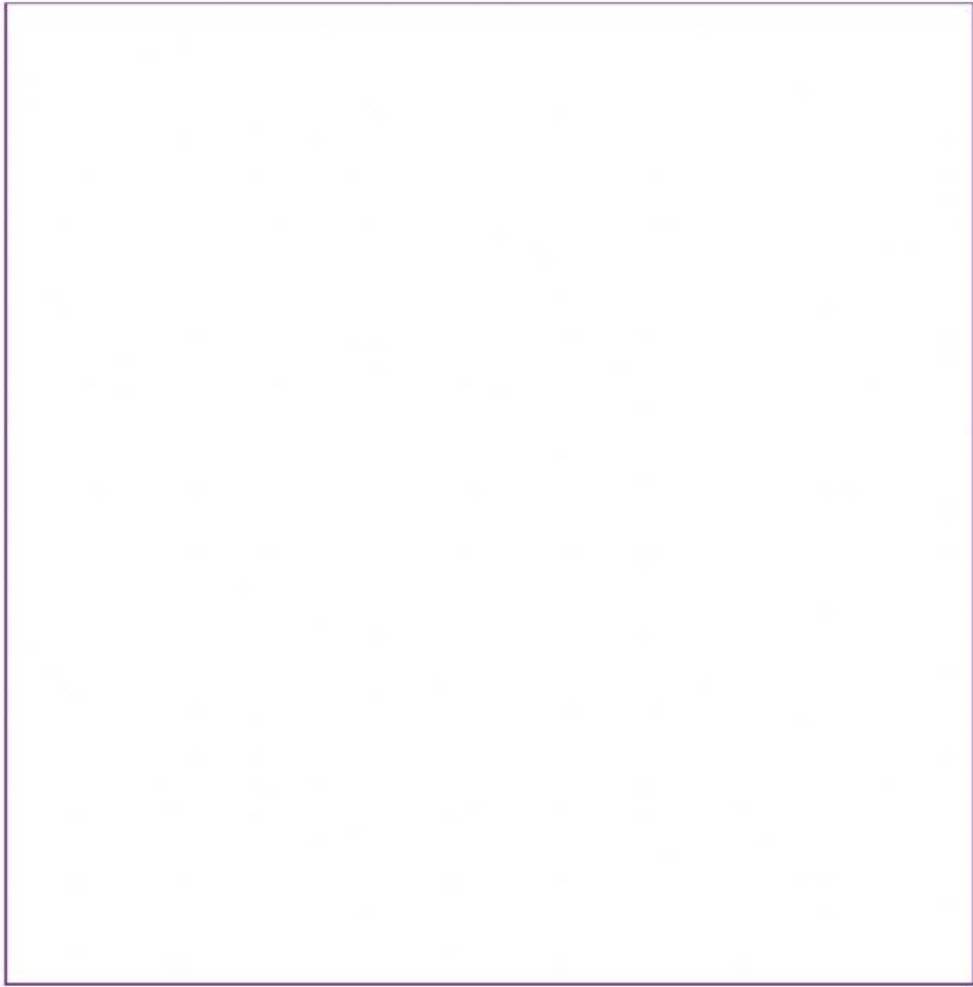


b. WRITING:

You're going to write a profile of your favourite (musical) band. Note: the band can be real or imaginary.

WRITE:

- who the members of the band are and what instruments they play.
 - what type of music they play.
- when you first heard of the band or started listening to them.
 - why you like them.
- what other people think of them – are they popular?



c. **SPEAKING:**