

In this new book, *Outliers*, Gladwell argues that Beethoven, The Beatles and Bill Gates all have one thing in ¹ _____. They ² _____ what they do, and they practised a lot. In fact, Gladwell discovered that in order to be truly ³ _____ in anything, it is necessary to practise for more than ⁴ _____ hours. These people have done that which is why he believes they have been so ⁵ _____.

3 A Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 If we want to learn from Bill Gates' achievements, we need to look at where he came from and the opportunities he had.
- 2 If you're going to be world-class at something, you need to have parents who are high achievers.
- 3 The Beatles played all-night concerts in Hamburg, and this helped them to master their craft.
- 4 To become a successful tennis player, you need a very talented teacher, and enough money to pay for your tuition.

B Listen again to check.

C Discuss. Do you agree that if you practise something enough, you can become world-class at it, or do you think you need to have a natural talent for it?