

Complete the text with the missing phrases.

expectations	stunned	developed
whir	vast	strategy
decade	profoundly	genre
composed	Silence	hum
wept	via	ignore
tears	cacophony	progress

What music would you play to an alien?

Austin was born _____ deaf. For his whole life music has been a mystery. He has seen people moved to _____ by a song, which was probably the hardest thing for him to understand. When his parents suggested that he try a newly _____ hearing aid, he went to the doctor's with no great _____. But when he switched on the hearing aid, he was _____. He got frozen as a _____ of sounds attacked him. The _____ of the computer, the _____ of the air conditioning, the clacking of the keyboard, the sound of people's voice. For the first time ever the word of music was open to Austin.

He decided he was going to listen to music non-stop. Later that day he heard his first piece: Mozart's beautiful Lacrimosa from his Requiem. He _____ and so did everybody else in the car. He knew there was a _____ universe of music to explore. He described his situation on reddit.com and received more than 14.000 suggestions. As a _____, he decided to follow the advice of somebody who posted this message: 'This is like introducing an alien to the music of Earth. Once you've tried classical, you could start with music from the 50s and _____ through each _____. That way you can see the growth of modern music.'

Austin adopted the system, _____ the internet he can listen to just about anything ever _____. So what is he listening to? It seems no one _____ dominates his musical taste. He also needs to learn how to hear, how to _____ unwanted background noise around him. It will take him time. '_____ is still my favourite sound.'-he says. 'When I turn my hearing aid off, my thoughts become clearer, it's absolutely peaceful.'