

Reading Test _II Term _ 6th Form

Text 1

Meet Sue Gilbert

Sue Gilbert is 13. She can play the violin, the piano and the drums. She has music lessons at school, and one day she wants to be a professional musician. Ned McFarlane talks to her.

Sue, what types of music do you like?

I enjoy all types of music: hip hop, jazz, rock, rap, reggae and classical, but one day I want to write music for the cinema. I love the music of Ennio Morricone, and I think Radiohead also write brilliant music for the cinema.

Do the other members of your family like music?

Yes, they do. My parents are professional musicians. My mum is a famous singer. She sings with a jazz band, and my dad plays the saxophone in the same band. My sister plays the trumpet, but she doesn't like jazz. She prefers classical music, and her favourite musician is the violinist Julia Fischer.

Do you go to any music festivals?

Yes, I do. Of course, my parents perform at festivals all over the world, but never in the summer holidays. That's when they take my sister and I to festivals in Britain and Europe. We go to a lot of concerts. For example, last weekend Dad and I went to hear Jan Garbarek.

Can you tell our readers something about Garbarek? Few young people know about him.

He's a brilliant jazz musician, but he also plays New Age music. He's the greatest!

1 Read the text. Answer the questions. Write: Sue (S), Sue's sister (SS), Sue's mother (SM) or Sue's father (SF).

- 1 Who likes hip hop?
- 2 Who wants to be a composer?
- 3 Who is a professional musician? and
- 4 Who doesn't like jazz?
- 5 Who plays the saxophone?
- 6 Who plays the violin?
- 7 Who thinks Julia Fischer is a great musician?
- 8 Who performs at festivals?
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Text 2

Hi Maxine!

How are you? Are you enjoying your holiday? I'm having the most brilliant time of my life here in Austria! I've seen some amazing cities and towns, I've climbed mountains and I've gone sailing. I'll show you my photos when I get back home.

Two weeks ago we were in the Tyrol. That's a part of Austria with a lot of high mountains. We stayed with some Austrian friends. They have a small house in a valley near a waterfall. It was very romantic! There wasn't any snow in the valleys, but there was a lot at the top of the mountains. I really want to come back here in the winter and go skiing.

Last week we were in Klagenfurt in the south of Austria. Klagenfurt is a small city on a lake, and the river Glan goes through it. There are forests on the hills around the city, and there are mountains a few kilometres away. We went sailing on the lake and I must say, the water was very clean.

At the moment we're in Vienna. In my opinion, it's the most beautiful city in Europe. The buildings are amazing. The food here is very tasty and we've eaten at some good restaurants. Mum loves the schnitzel, Dad loves the goulash and I love the cakes!

On Friday we're flying home, and I'll tell you all about it when I see you on Saturday.

Tricia

2 Read the email. Complete the summary.

Tricia is sending an ¹ to Maxine. Tricia is writing to Maxine about Austria. She has visited a lot of places and she has taken a lot of ² She went to the Tyrol ³ weeks ago and stayed at her friends' ⁴ She saw ⁵ on the mountains but not in the valleys. She thought the Tyrol was very ⁶ , and she wants to go ⁷ there in the winter. Tricia has also visited Klagenfurt. She went ⁸ on the lake there. She thinks Vienna is a ⁹ city and she likes the ¹⁰ there. She thinks it's very tasty.

Text 3

To: Ben
From: Goran
Subject: Sunshine Camp

Hi Ben!

I'm writing to you from Sunshine Camp. It's a great place. ¹ I share a tent with a boy called Dylan. Everybody here is very friendly, and in the evenings we sit around the campfire and tell jokes or sing. In the mornings and afternoons we do a lot of activities. ²

This week we've had diving lessons and we've also tried jet-skiing. Jet-skiing was scary but fun! ³ Luckily, I had my walking boots with me. I didn't have a map, but it was all right because we had a guide with us. ⁴ We saw a fox! The poor fox got the fright of its life when it saw us, but we were thrilled.

Tomorrow we're going water-skiing. ⁵ I mustn't forget to take my sun cream with me or I'll have a red face!

See you soon.
Goran

3. Complete the email with the correct sentences (a–f). There are two sentences you do not need.

- a The house is in the mountains.
- b I've never been water-skiing before, and I can't wait!
- c The campsite is near the beach, but you can also see the mountains from here.
- d They're amazing animals.
- e And guess what!
- f Yesterday we went for a long walk in the mountains.
- g We go sailing, swimming, diving and jet-skiing and we also play beach volleyball.