

USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Confucius said a long time ago, "Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot (1) _____". Music stimulates your brain, and this has been proven by research as well.

Music has the (2) _____ to provoke complex emotions and psychological states. Various researchers have shown that both listening to music and playing a musical instrument (3) _____ memory capacity.

Playing a musical instrument also (4) _____ you patience and perseverance for it takes time and (5) _____ to learn to play a musical instrument. It also sharpens your concentration.

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| 1 A do out | B do without | C do over | D do up |
| 2 A power | B energy | C influence | D skill |
| 3 A include | B engage | C rise | D increase |
| 4 A develops | B encourages | C teaches | D prepares |
| 5 A effort | B attempt | C trouble | D job |

Task 2

PLANTS MAKE MUSIC

It may sound crazy, but plants can be musical. A new device converts electrical currents (6) _____ across a plant's surface into sound. The device works by placing probes on the leaves and translating the currents into audio. What does this "music" (7) _____ us about the secret life of plants? Scientists aren't (8) _____ sure yet. They are, (9) _____, hoping the research will eventually help us learn more about the natural world. But one day soon your houseplants could sing: a fund-raising campaign to make the device (10) _____ worldwide has reached its goal.

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| 6 A moving | B stretching | C acting | D producing |
| 7 A describe | B explain | C say | D tell |
| 8 A enough | B strictly | C quite | D properly |
| 9 A finally | B however | C totally | D although |
| 10 A available | B probable | C realistic | D practical |