

Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

Glossary: A busker-a person who entertains in a public place



As you go after a day's work in the crowded London underground, suddenly you hear music. You take some mo-ney out of your pocket and throw it into the open guitar case of the busker. The musicians bring colour and life to the city's underground.

If you have time and look at the wall behind the bus-ker, you will see the names of the musicians on it with a time near each name. Each musician plays for an hour only and those who want to play write their names on the wall.

From time to time the police come to an underground station and the musicians have to go to another place. If the police ask one of the buskers what he is doing, he usually answers that he is just practising. If the police ask about the money in the guitar case, the musician answers that it fell out of his pocket into his guitar case.

An American girl on a visit to London said that she liked busking and often played in an underground station where there were many buskers. Some of them played quite close together, but one important rule is that you mustn't stand very close to another musician because people will hear two musicians at the same time.

Why do musicians want to play in the street? Some musicians do it for money, some do it for pleasure. Others say it's a good place to practise because they can't play at home.

1. A busker

- A sells newspapers in the underground.
- B plays a musical instrument.
- C takes photos.



2. Each busker plays

- A from dusk to dawn.
- B for a limited period of time.
- C as long as he likes.



3. On the walls buskers usually write

- A their names and the place where they are going to play.
- B the names of musicians famous all over the world.
- C their names and the time when they are going to play.

4. The police

- A make buskers go to another place.
- B make them pay some money.
- C listen to music and put some money into the busker's guitar case.

5. The busker mustn't

- A play modern music.
- B play two musical instruments.
- C stand close to another busker.

