



WRITTEN COMPREHENSION

READING

Texting

 **Greenhill Youth Orchestra**

Joe: Hi, everyone! I saw a wonderful documentary about a musician called Ruth Boden. She goes hiking with her cello and plays it in the countryside. Maybe we can do something similar this summer.
6.15 pm

Kate: How about a trip in September? The weather is cooler then. I think when you play music outside, it sounds better than in concert halls.
6.17 pm

Joe: Exactly! Ruth realised that too. She started going on short hikes with her cello, giving concerts in nature. At times, there weren't any people there, just the rocks and the trees.
6.20 pm

Gemma: I'm sorry, Joe, but there's no way I'm taking my trumpet on a day's hike. Do you know how much it costs!?
6.23 pm

Joe: Actually, I was thinking of something longer. Ruth Boden wanted to go hiking along the Appalachian Trail, but she was always busy. Then she met Gavin. He wanted to make a documentary about her, so they took a trip in the Wallowa Mountains in Oregon. They hiked up a mountain, and Ruth gave a performance on the top of it.
6.28 pm

Pete: Don't worry, Gemma. I've got a better idea for a concert. Last year, I saw a video clip about a British orchestra. They performed on a stage in a swimming pool. Anyway, I'm not sure I can take all my drums on a hike.
6.31 pm

Jamie: My flute doesn't weigh a lot, Pete – I'll take one of your drums in my bag!
6.34 pm

Comprehension Questions

1) Who ...

- a) suggests a good month to go hiking?
- b) feels inspired by someone?
- c) offers to help another musician?
- d) is worried about an expensive instrument?
- e) Suggests performing outdoors, but not in nature?

2) Complete the sentences with information from the text.

- a) Joe is trying to convince his friends to
- b) Kate and Ruth think music sounds better
- c) Ruth sometimes gives performances without any
- d) After Gavin and Ruth climbed mountain, Ruth
- e) Pete saw of a live concert in an unusual place.