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The future is now

READING

1 Complete the words in the sentences. Use the meanings in brackets to help you.

- 1 He's a new artist but websites p_____t that he will be really famous. (say something will happen)
- 2 It's c_____n for young people to listen to new music. (happening often)
- 3 It's possible to p_____e music at home these days, using simple equipment. (make)
- 4 I'm going to see my first l_____e concert tomorrow. (not recorded)
- 5 After the concert, we went d_____y home. (without going somewhere else)
- 6 She's an i_____e performer! I never miss her shows! (so good I cannot believe it)
- 7 My brother sings and plays the guitar in the school b____d. (a group of musicians)
- 8 Unfortunately, their first album wasn't very s_____. (selling many copies)

2 Read the article quickly. What is the main idea? Choose the correct answer.

A how to get tickets to see a band
B choosing the right band to see
C tips for attending a concert

3 e Read the article again. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Complete the text with these sentences (A–H). There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

A Avoid sandals and wear trainers instead.
B It's not possible to do it all.
C If this isn't for you, move away.
D Take a spare battery if you have one.
E This can be both tiring and boring.
F You'll definitely want to try it out.
G This includes a pen for when you meet the band.
H Think about the essential things you'll need.



4 Read the article again. Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?

The writer thinks:

- 1 going to a concert is better than watching a band on TV.
- 2 you should always arrive very early.
- 3 the most important thing is to look good.
- 4 you shouldn't take a bag.
- 5 it's important to take a phone or a camera.
- 6 it's easier to dance if you stand at the back.

5 Find words in the article that have these meanings.

- 1 a performance, concert, competition, etc. that many people watch or take part in (para 1)
- 2 some; more than a few (para 2)
- 3 put your foot on something (para 3)
- 4 things (para 4)
- 5 energy to make a machine work (para 5)
- 6 active and full of energy (para 6)

6 Complete the sentences with the words from Ex 5.

- 1 I've got so much in my bag, it's making my back hurt!
- 2 Please be careful not to the beautiful flowers.
- 3 Teachers know students are always more in the morning.
- 4 The is being organised to raise money for the new hospital.
- 5 I tried to call you times last night. Where were you?
- 6 It's surprising, but a hairdryer needs a lot of to work.



Seeing your favourite band

LIVE

Going to my first concert was one of the most brilliant things I've ever done. Watching a band play live is so much better than watching a recording on TV. However, concerts have their problems, so here are some things you should think about before you go to your first live music event.

First, if there are no seats, plan with your friends or family where to stand before you go. If you want to be near the stage, you'll need to arrive very early. This means several hours on your feet before the band appears. ¹ I'd suggest you only do it for a band you really love.

What you wear is really important. Two things are sure: you're going to get hot and people will tread on your toes. This means you shouldn't wear anything too heavy except perhaps on your feet. ² You can look good and be comfortable at the same time.

Don't take too much stuff or you'll get bored carrying it around. ³ These include your ticket, some money and your phone. You can put these into your pocket or a small bag. Make sure everything is safe during the concert.

You'll want to take a phone or camera to take lots of photos. Make sure it has enough power and memory for the whole evening. ⁴ It'll help you take all the photos you want to remember the event.

Finally, remember that people will dance around during the concert. This means you'll probably get pushed. If it's a lively band, the audience might go a bit crazy. ⁵ Stand near the back. You can still enjoy the concert from there. You'll have more space to dance too. Yes, dance. Above all, dance and have a great time!

