

Many children like playing and listening to music.
Read the following blog post about a girl's love of music.

Music with Mya

Answering your questions

Posted by [Mya Ip](#) on 11th October 20__

1 My followers often ask me questions in their comments, but I don't always have time to answer them. In today's blog post, I want to respond to the most common ones.

How much time do you spend listening to music?

2 I can spend hours listening to my favourite performers, like Jackson Wang, ToNick and Keung To. Listening to music with my headphones makes me feel relaxed. However, it can irritate my parents when I don't hear them. Once, my dad tossed a biscuit at me to get my attention. We had a good laugh about it!

What is your favourite type of music to dance to?

3 My friends and I love K-pop dancing. We dance to songs by groups like BTS and Twice. It helps me keep fit, and it lets me have fun with friends at the same time.

Music is my life!

How many musical instruments do you play?

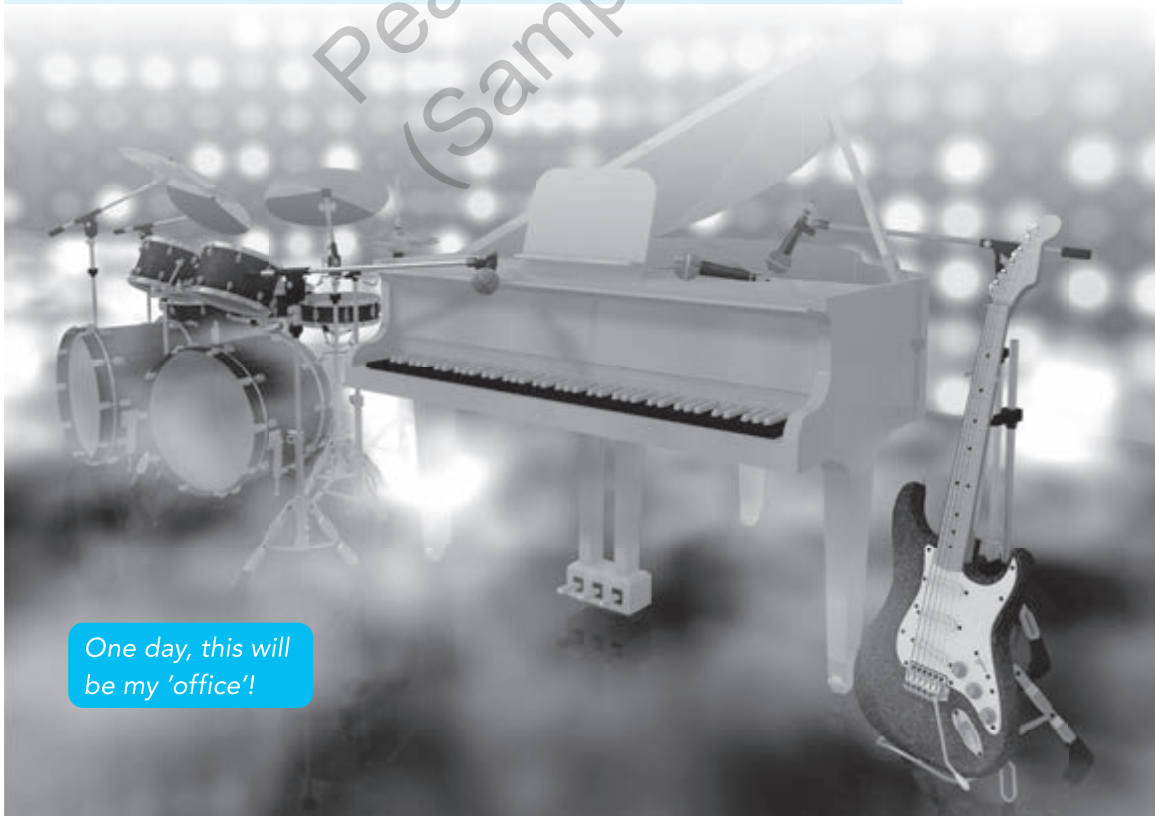
20 **4** Five. Playing the piano takes up most of my time, but I also play the guitar, the bass (guitar) and the drums. In addition, a few weeks ago, I decided to take up the ukulele. I practise every night after dinner before turning in.

I love my ukulele!

What do you want to do in the future?

25 **5** If you read my answers to the other questions, you can probably guess the answer to this one. That's right — I want to become a professional musician. I want to form a pop band and create catchy songs that express
30 important messages. Who knows? Maybe I'll inspire others the way my musical heroes inspire me!

[~277 words]



One day, this will be my 'office'!

Comprehension

A Can you answer the questions using information from the blog post? For multiple choice questions, blacken one circle only.

1 How do Mya's followers ask her questions?

- A They call her on the phone.
- B They post messages on her blog.
- C They send emails to her.
- D They write their own blog entries.

A B C D

2 In line 2, who or what does 'ones' refer to?

questions (that Mya's followers ask her)



Working out the meaning of words and phrases (I)

3 In line 9, the word 'irritate' can be replaced by _____.

- A annoy
- B confuse
- C surprise
- D worry

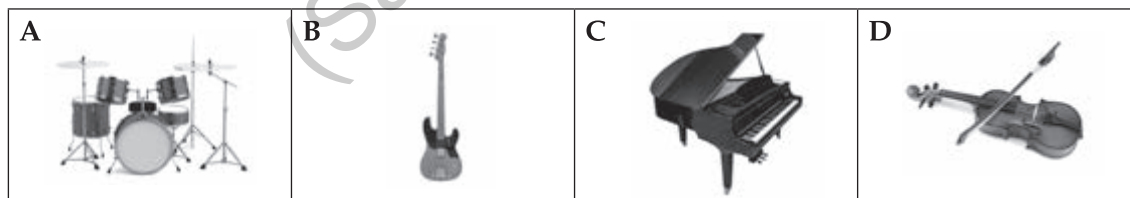
A B C D

4 How did Mya feel when her dad threw a biscuit at her?

- A amused
- B angry
- C confused
- D frustrated

A B C D

5 Which of the following instruments does Mya NOT play?



A B C D



6 In line 24, the phrase 'turning in' means _____.

- A eating dinner
- B going to bed
- C having lunch
- D waking up

A B C D

7 What style of music does Mya want to play in the future?

pop (music)

B Can you complete the chat using words taken from the blog post? Fill in each blank with one word only.

S Hi, Alice! I just emailed you a link to an amazing ¹ blog. You'll love it!
It's written by a teenage girl who's crazy about ² music — just like you!

A Cool! Does she play any musical instruments?

S Yes — ³ five in total! She just started learning the
⁴ ukulele. When she isn't playing music, she's listening to it through
her ⁵ headphones. She also loves K-pop ⁶ dancing.

A What type of music does she like?

S Cantopop, Mandopop and ⁷ K-pop!

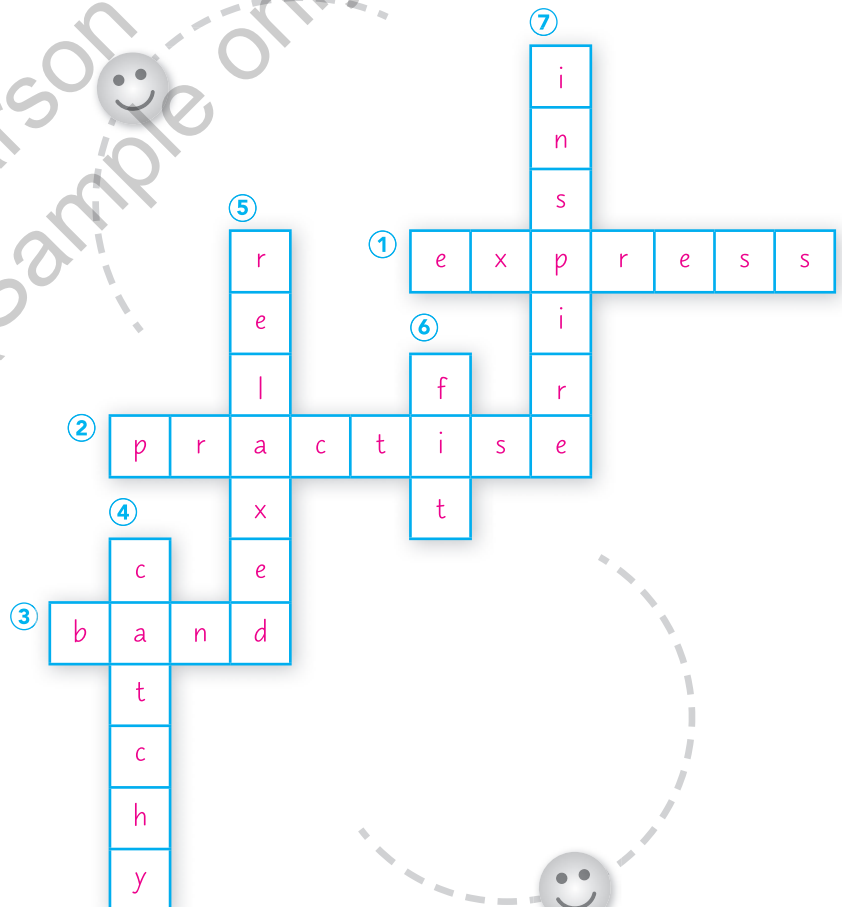
C Can you complete the crossword using words from the blog post?

Across

- 1 to tell or show what you are feeling or thinking using words, looks, actions, etc. (paragraph 5)
- 2 to do an activity regularly in order to improve your skills (paragraph 4)
- 3 a group of musicians who perform together (paragraph 5)

Down

- 4 used to describe a song, etc. which is easy to remember (paragraph 5)
- 5 calm, comfortable, etc. (paragraph 2)
- 6 strong, healthy, etc. as a result of exercise (paragraph 3)
- 7 to encourage someone to do something by making them feel confident (paragraph 5)



Word Families

A What is the part of speech of each word below? Write the words in the correct spaces. You can use the same word more than once.



a)	create	creative	creation	creatively
b)	dance	dancer	dancing	
c)	express	expression	expressively	expressive
d)	inspire	inspiration	inspiring	
e)	music	musically	musical	musician
f)	sing	singer	singing	

	Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
a)	creation	create	creative	creatively
b)	dancing, dancer, dance	dance	dancing	
c)	expression	express	expressive	expressively
d)	inspiration	inspire	inspiring	
e)	music, musician		musical	musically
f)	singing, singer	sing	singing	

B Use some of the words in the table to fill in the blanks below.

- 1 She is a gifted musician. She can play several different instruments.
- 2 He dances expressively. He shows a lot of feeling in his face and movement.
- 3 I create miniature models in my free time.
- 4 Julia is a very talented singer. Her voice can reach the highest notes.
- 5 Chris is an inspiration to photographers everywhere.
- 6 Are you going to the dance tomorrow night? I can't wait!

A Can you complete the photo captions?

	
<p>Eric has been doing ¹ <u>martial arts</u> for six years. He currently has a brown belt.</p>	<p>Playing a team sport is a good way to ² <u>make new friends</u>.</p>
	
<p>Amanda loves ³ <u>gaming</u>. She plays games with players from around the world.</p>	<p>Watching documentaries is an easy and entertaining way to ⁴ <u>learn about the world</u>.</p>

- gaming
- martial arts
- learn about the world
- make new friends

B Zoe and AJ are chatting about their hobbies. Can you complete their conversation?

Zoe: How's the ¹ photography coming along? Are you taking lots of interesting photos?

AJ: I took some great shots at the park yesterday. I'm going to ² share the photos soon, so you'll get to see them.

Zoe: I can't wait!

AJ: You should try taking photos too. It's a good way to ³ explore your creativity.

Zoe: I don't have much free time right now. I ⁴ practise the guitar every day after school. I want to ⁵ form a band. I'm going to be the singer and guitarist, and my sister is going to play the bass. We just need to find someone who's good at ⁶ playing the drums. Do you know anyone?

AJ: Yes, I do — me!

Zoe: Really? When did you ⁷ take up the drums?

AJ: Four years ago. I started learning from online videos but then I decided to ⁸ sign up for a drum class. I think I'm pretty good at keeping a beat!

- photography
- playing the
- explore
- form a band
- practise
- share
- sign up
- take up

C Can you complete the presentation?

- calligraphy
 - collecting
 - hiking
-
- keep fit

My presentation is about my favourite hobbies.

Number one on the list is ¹ calligraphy. I can spend hours writing beautiful letters and notes to my friends.

I also enjoy ² collecting stamps. The oldest one I have is from 1860!

Last but not least, ³ hiking is something I do with my dad every weekend.

It's a great way to ⁴ keep fit.

D William is a member of the Welcome Committee. He is replying to an email from a new student at the school. Can you complete the email?

- baking
 - chess
 - drawing
 - reading
-
- create
 - develop new skills
 - gain more confidence
 - feel relaxed

✉ New message

Hi Alex

I'm glad to hear you're settling in at our school.

In your email, you mentioned that you like ¹ chess because you like strategy games. We have a club for this! They meet every Tuesday. Some members have won many competitions, so you'll definitely ² develop new skills by playing against them. You can also take part in competitions yourself which will help you ³ gain more confidence in your skills.

You also mentioned that you enjoy ⁴ reading. We don't have a club for this, but we have a great library. I go there to read because it helps me ⁵ feel relaxed. If you are interested in ⁶ drawing, the library has lovely art displays which you can ⁷ create beautiful sketches from.

Finally, you said you're keen on ⁸ baking. We have a club for this too! They meet once a week to share recipes and treats. They always have a 'delicious' time!

Good luck and have fun!

William

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Language 1

Asking for different kinds of information
(Wh-questions)

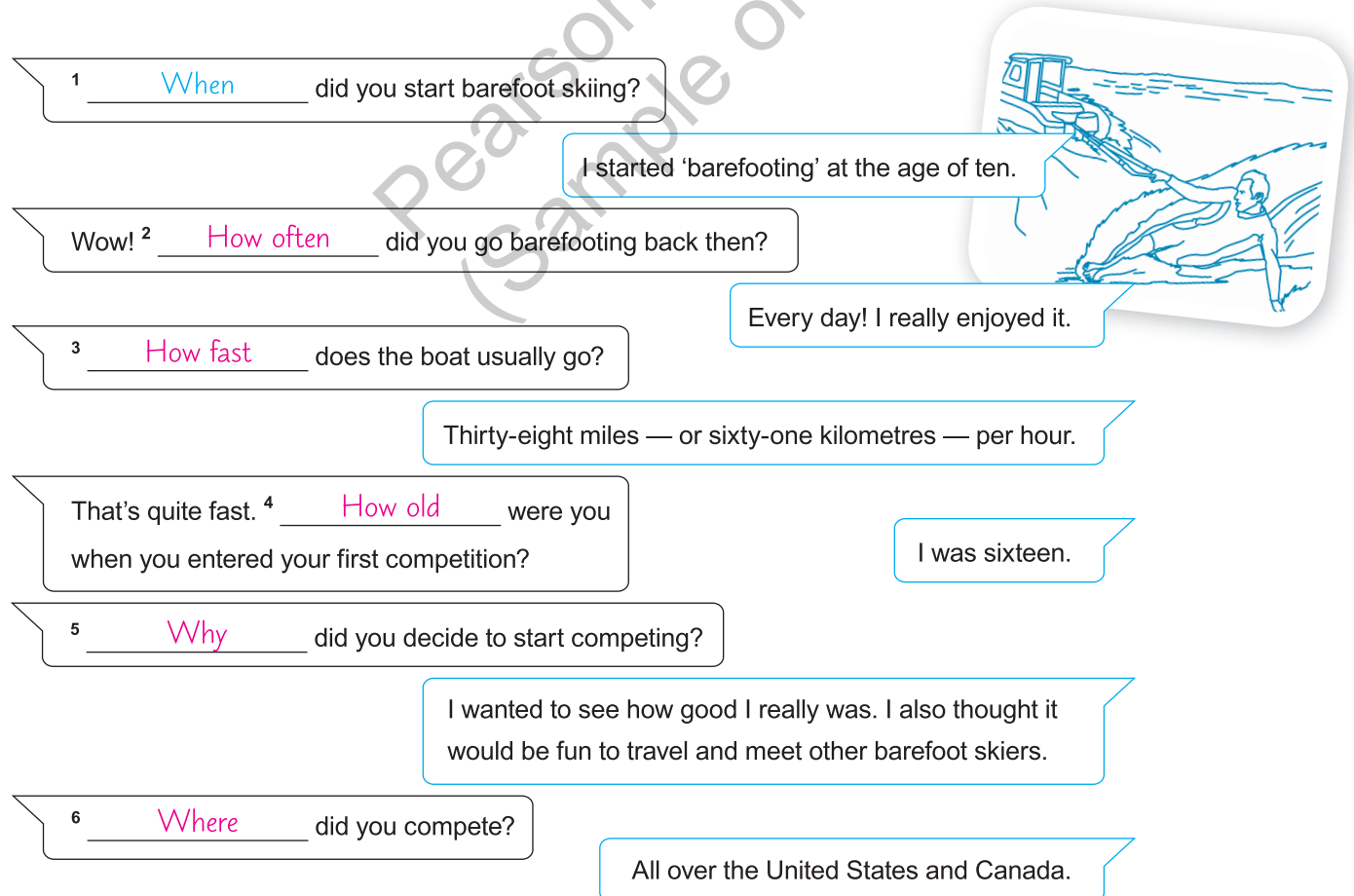
Help

Refer to pp. 40–41 of the Student Book for information on asking for different kinds of information.

A Can you remember how to ask for information? Complete the following questions with the correct 'wh'-words or question phrases.

- 1 Who is your favourite singer-songwriter? Taylor Swift.
- 2 When did you start playing VR video games? Two years ago.
- 3 Which is easier to learn — piano or guitar? Guitar.
- 4 How fast / quickly can you go on your e-bike? Thirty kilometres per hour.
- 5 How many times a week do you have singing lessons? Twice a week.
- 6 Why do you prefer in-person chess to online matches? Because I like to hold the chesspieces in my hand.

B Complete the chat with the correct 'wh'-words or question phrases. One has been done for you.



1 When did you start barefoot skiing?
I started 'barefooting' at the age of ten.

Wow! 2 How often did you go barefooting back then?
Every day! I really enjoyed it.

3 How fast does the boat usually go?
Thirty-eight miles — or sixty-one kilometres — per hour.

That's quite fast. 4 How old were you when you entered your first competition?
I was sixteen.

5 Why did you decide to start competing?
I wanted to see how good I really was. I also thought it would be fun to travel and meet other barefoot skiers.

6 Where did you compete?
All over the United States and Canada.

Help

Refer to p. 42 of the Student Book for information on talking about people, places or things.

Talking about people, places or things (Indefinite and definite articles)

A Can you remember how we mention something for the first time or how to refer to one of many things? Complete the following sentences with 'a', 'an', 'the' or 'X' (no article needed).

- 1 Pete, Stan and Julie are going to form a pop band.
- 2 I want to be an artist when I'm older.
- 3 When my sister was at X university, she won an international short story contest.
- 4 The martial arts school is located in X Hung Hom.
- 5 I like to paint pictures of the moon and sky.
- 6 This is my completed 3-D jigsaw puzzle. The puzzle took two days to finish.

B Complete the postcard with 'a', 'an', 'the' or 'X' (no article needed). One has been done for you.

Guess what, Alex!

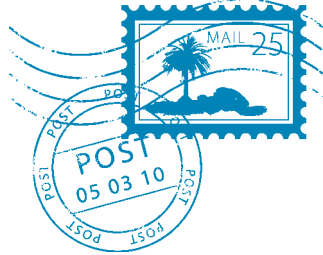
I've made it to ¹ the final round of ² a big surfing competition in ³ X Hawaii.

On ⁴ X Saturday afternoon, I'll compete against seven other surfers in the championship round. Four judges will decide who wins ⁵ the competition.

⁶ The judges are former professional surfers, including my all-time hero — ⁷ X Bethany Hamilton!

Hawaii is such ⁸ a beautiful place, with the most incredible waves for surfing ⁹ the ocean has to offer. I'm already looking forward to coming back here again ¹⁰ X next year! Wish me luck!

Sara



Alex Fung
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Harbour Gardens
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Language 3

Talking about possibility

(Can)

A Can you remember how to talk about possibility? Complete the following sentences using 'can' or 'can't' and the verbs given.

- We can't use this path for cycling or skateboarding.
- The Photography Club can accept up to fifty members.
- We can pay for the gym membership monthly or yearly.
- I can't go ice-skating until my ankle is better.
- Documentaries can help me to learn about the world.
- If you enter the poetry competition, you can win a prize.

B Complete the poem using 'can' or 'can't' and the verbs given. One has been done for you.

Help

Refer to p. 43 of the Student Book for information on talking about possibility.

- accept
- go
- help
- pay
- use
- win

Writing Poems

By Jenny So

Writing poems ¹ can help you share
Your deepest feelings and your cares.

Writing poems ² can change your life;

It ³ can warm hearts filled with ice.

Writing poems ⁴ can be tough;

It ⁵ can fill your head with stuff.

But writing poems ⁶ can make you see;

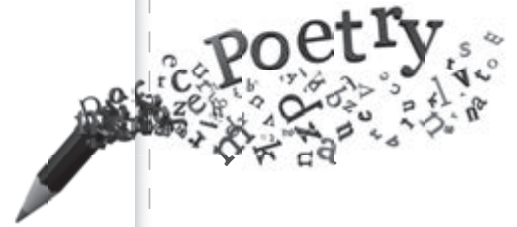
It ⁷ can break your chains and set you free.

Writing poems ⁸ can't always be a breeze;

You ⁹ can't get the best things in life with ease.

But writing poems is a way you ¹⁰ can give

Gifts to enrich the way you and others live.



One verb can be used more than once.

- be
- break
- change
- fill
- get
- give
- make
- warm

Language Roundup

- It's time to put all your new language skills to the test! Complete the conversation using the correct 'wh'-words or question phrases, the correct articles (or 'X' if no article is needed) or 'can' or 'can't' and the verbs given.

- believe
- find
- watch

1 I _____ **What** _____
are you doing, Jessica?

2 Playing online chess. You ² _____ **can watch** _____
if you like. Right now I'm playing against ³ _____ **a** _____
boy from Mexico City. He's a very good player.

3 ⁴ _____ **How long** _____
have you been playing online
chess?

4 A few months. I still have a lot to learn about
⁵ _____ **the** _____ game, but I'm improving
with every match I play.

5 Do you only play online?

6 No, my dad and I play whenever we
⁶ _____ **can find** _____ the time. He's
been playing chess since he was my age.

7 ⁷ _____ **Which** _____
do you prefer — online or
regular chess?

8 Regular chess is more fun, but online
chess is more convenient.



9 ⁸ How many
online matches do you play
per week?

10 Between ten and fifteen. I also watch videos of famous chess matches. Yesterday, I watched a match between ⁹ X Garry Kasparov, the former world chess champion, and ¹⁰ an early supercomputer named Deep Blue.

11 ¹¹ Who
was the winner?

12 Deep Blue won ¹² the match, but Kasparov won the series. One year later, in ¹³ X 1997, they played another series. This time, Deep Blue won.

13 Wow! I ¹⁴ can't believe
a computer was able to beat a
world chess champion!

14 Who knows? Maybe one day I'll be good enough to play against a supercomputer.

15 And win!

Grammar in use

Now let's reflect on what you've learnt. Write your answers in the spaces provided or blacken the appropriate circles. (Accept any reasonable answers.)

1 What kind of information does the girl ask for in speech bubble 1?

- a person a time an action

2 In speech bubble 2, Jessica talks about a _____.

- necessity possibility rule

3 In which speech bubbles is 'the' used? Why?

speech bubbles 4 and 12 because they include something which
was mentioned before