

A) READING

A. Read quickly and complete the sentences.

1. talked about her dream.
2. is her dream.
3. Nancy and her friends began playing in the of her house.

My dream

Hi! My name is Barbara. Music is my first dream. In fact, I'd say it's a time-consuming passion as I spend much longer playing the drum or the violin than studying for my classes. I have always dreamed of becoming a good performer, either as a band player or playing solo. My parents wanted me to study classical piano as a very good girl should do, but from my teens on, I followed my real love, which is playing lighter music and improvising. Fortunately, since I went to the univeristy, I've been able to fulfill a part of my dream. I met three boys as crazy about music as me and we began playing in the garage of my house. They are really talented. One of them, Alex, plays the trumpet. Michael plays the guitar and David plays the saxophone. Sometimes, I play the violin, but I prefer singing. My mum was horrified at the idea of having to put with heavy metal or rock music at home, but the music we play sounds much softer than that and to my surprise, she soon got used to it.

Next year, we're going to try and record a single or a C.D. I am quite excited. For the time being, we feel quite happy just to perform in clubs and pubs. When I performed in front of people first, I was very nervous but now, I feel very comfortable.

Sometimes, we are hired for weddings or parties and it's great fun because besides playing for cheerful people, we can get involved in the party and eat different delicious food.



B. Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. What is Barbara's dream about?
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2. What did her parents want her to study?
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3. Did she follow her parents dream? Why? Why not?
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4. What has happened at the university?
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5. How many people play with her?
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B) VOCABULARY

A. Match the words to the pictures.

harp - a piano - a trumpet - a drum - a violin - a saxophone - tambourine - a guitar



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B. Read the definitions and match the words (1-10) with the correct definition (a-j).

1. grunge (.....)
2. album (.....)
3. heavy metal (.....)
4. jazz (.....)
5. songwriter (.....)
6. band (.....)
7. Walkman (.....)
8. fans (.....)
9. stereo (.....)
10. rap (.....)

- a) a type of rock music and a fashion for untidy clothes, popular in the early 1990's.
- b) a brand name for a small audio or video player with small headphones, that you can carry around with you.
- c) a style of rock music with a strong beat, played very loudly using electric guitars.
- d) a type of music of African-American origin with a strong rhythm in which the players improvise.
- e) a type of popular music with a strong rhythm in which the words are spoken, not sung.
- f) a person who writes the music and words of songs.
- g) a way of recording or playing sounds so that it is separated into two signals and produces more natural sounds.
- h) someone who admires and supports a person, sport, sports team, etc.
- i) a collection of several pieces of music, made available as a single item on a CD, the internet, etc.
- j) a group of musicians who play modern music together.

C) USE OF ENGLISH

A. Complete the sentences with "wasn't" or "weren't".



There are two forms of the Past Simple of the verb be: "**was**" for "**I /she /he/ it**", "**were**" for "**We, You, They**".

1. George at work last week because he ill.
2. **Dad:** Sarah and Bill at the party last night?
Mum: Yes, they
3. We happy at the hotel. It very dirty.
4. I feel fine today, but I very tired last night.
5. My sisters at home three hours ago. They watched TV so they in the garden.
6. My parents in Paris last summer.
7. They at school yesterday. It was the first day of school.
8. Yesterday, the weather cool.
9. We at the beach yesterday morning.
10. **A:** What the name of your first school? **B:** It London College.

B. Circle the correct one.



"**There was**" is used with singular nouns and uncountable nouns.
"**There were**" is used with plural nouns.

1. There **was / were** an umbrella under the desk yesterday.
2. **Was / Were** there many people in the library yesterday?
3. There **was / were** an interesting movie on TV two days ago.
4. What **was / were** in the room? There **was / were** many things.
5. There **was / were** a swimming pool in our school when I was in high school.
6. There **was / were** a little milk in the bottle.
7. There **was / were** many pictures in that museum.
8. In 1957, there **was / were** many trees in this street.
9. **Was / Were** there much tea in the tea-pot?
10. There **was / were** many people at the party last week.
11. There **was / were** lots of children in the garden last night.

C. Complete the sentences with "was", "were", "wasn't", "weren't", "there was" or "there were".

My countryside town (1)very different in the past.
(2) less shops and no cinema. When my grandmother
(3) 18, she left my town and moved to the city. The city
(4) bigger and busier. (5)
more job opportunities for her. One day, she got a job in a clothes shop. She (6)
..... very happy because lots of clothes
for her to try on and buy. It (7) very busy and (8) lots of
customers. Often, she (9) very stressed.
(10) always lots of work. In the end, she decided to go back
to the country because (11) lots of fields and trees, and it (12)
..... quieter and more peaceful.



D) WRITING

Write a short text about the concert or the party that you went before. Use "wasn't" or "weren't", "there was" or "there were" and the points given below.



When and where was the concert/ the party?



Who were you with? How many people were there?



How was the music?

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