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Making music



piano



flute



orchestra



composer



conductor



opera

Reading

1 Read and listen.

Mozart

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is probably the most famous

composer in the world. He was born in Austria in 1756. He was very clever and he loved music from a very early age. His father, Leopold, was a musician. Leopold was Mozart's music teacher. Mozart learned to play the piano when

he was only four years old. He wrote his first music when he was five. He played the violin, too. As a young boy, Mozart travelled around Europe with his father and his sisters. He played music for some very important people. He played in front of royal families in different European countries.



When Mozart was eight, he started to write music for the flute and the piano. After that he wrote music for a whole orchestra. He was a great composer, musician and conductor. He wrote lots of music and operas and he became very famous. One of his most famous operas is 'The Magic Flute'.

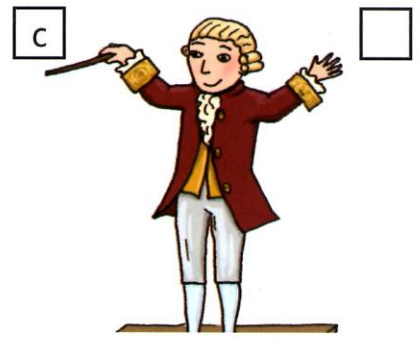
When Mozart grew up, a lot of people loved his music, but he didn't make a lot of money. He was often ill and it was difficult for him to work. He was married and he had two sons. The youngest son, Franz Xaver Wolfgang, was a musician like his father. Mozart died in Vienna when he was only thirty-five, but people all over the world still love his wonderful music.

Comprehension

2 Complete the factfile.

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| Name | Wolfgang Amadeus ¹ <u>Mozart</u> | Father's name ⁶ _____ |
| Country | ² _____ | Famous opera ⁷ _____ |
| Played | piano and ³ _____ | |
| Travelled | around ⁴ _____ | Family married with ⁸ _____ |
| Wrote | music for flute, piano and whole ⁵ _____ | Died when he was ⁹ _____ |

3 Number the pictures in the correct order.



4 Correct the words in bold.

- Mozart learned to play the **flute** when he was four.
- He wrote his first **opera** when he was five.
- Mozart travelled around Europe and **wrote** music.
- Mozart wrote music for a whole **conductor**.
- He wrote lots of **books** and he became famous.
- Mozart was often ill, so it was **easy** to work.

piano

Vocabulary

5 Match the definitions with the words in the box.

violin audience orchestra conductor ~~flute~~ opera drums composer

- 1 You blow it with your mouth. flute
- 2 Lots of different instruments playing together. _____
- 3 A man or woman who writes music. _____
- 4 You hit these with sticks or with your hands. _____
- 5 A man or woman who stands in front of the orchestra. _____
- 6 A type of play where people sing the words. _____
- 7 The people who sit and watch a play or concert. _____
- 8 A string instrument you play with a bow. _____

6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.



drums flute guitar ~~orchestra~~ piano trumpet violin

- 1 The orchestra is on the stage.
- 2 The boy in the blue jumper is playing the _____.
- 3 This girl in the white dress is playing the _____.
- 4 The girl in the red dress is playing the _____.
- 5 The boy in the green jumper is playing the _____.
- 6 Two girls are playing the _____.
- 7 The boy in the yellow jumper is playing the _____.

Writing

Luciano Pavarotti

Luciano Pavarotti was from Italy. At first, he wanted to be a football player, but he was also a wonderful singer. As a young boy, he listened to famous singers on the radio. When he grew up, he worked as a teacher. He had singing lessons when he wasn't at school.

In 1963, he went to London to sing in an opera because another singer was ill. Soon he was a big star.

He sang in a concert before the football World Cup in Italy. Millions of people watched the concert on TV and then bought his CDs.

Luciano Pavarotti died when he was 71. People still listen to his CDs and love his beautiful singing.



7 Find similar sentences in the text using the word in brackets. Write.

1 Pavarotti was a young boy. He listened to famous singers on the radio. (as)

2 He grew up. He worked as a teacher. (when)

3 Millions of people watched the concert. Then they bought his CDs. (and)

4 Pavarotti was 71. He died. (when)

8 Write about a famous composer in your notebook. Use these facts.

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name | Joseph Haydn | Played | piano, violin |
| Country | Austria | Grew up | conductor, composer – very famous |
| As a boy | singing lessons | Died | 77 |