

Word on the Street

Music Scene 1 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Complete the sentences with the correct form of 'play'. Use articles ('a'/'an' or 'the') where necessary.

1. Can you _____ any musical instruments?
2. Do you know anyone who _____ piano?
3. I love _____ by Shakespeare, especially his tragedies.
4. When I was at university, I _____ rugby nearly every weekend.
5. Where did you learn _____ guitar like that?
6. Would you like to go to the theatre to see _____?
7. We spent most of yesterday afternoon _____ football in the park.

Activity 2

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. Where do you ... ?
a) live (rhymes with 'give')

- b) live (rhymes with 'five')
- c) life (rhymes with 'wife')
2. Have you lived there all your ... ?
a) live (rhymes with 'give')
- b) live (rhymes with 'five')
- c) life (rhymes with 'wife')
3. Have you ever been to a ... concert by your favourite band?
a) live (rhymes with 'give')
- b) live (rhymes with 'five')
- c) life (rhymes with 'wife')
4. Our cat's very sick. The vet says she might not
a) live (rhymes with 'give')
- b) live (rhymes with 'five')
- c) life (rhymes with 'wife')
5. The President's going to make a speech ... on television this evening.
a) live (rhymes with 'give')
- b) live (rhymes with 'five')
- c) life (rhymes with 'wife')
6. Thanks for your help. You saved my ... !
a) live (rhymes with 'give')
- b) live (rhymes with 'five')
- c) life (rhymes with 'wife')

Activity 3

Use the correct expressions so that the second sentence in each pair means the same as the first.

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mind / out of his mind / I don't mind / Do you mind / make up my mind / Mind

1. It's hot in here. Is it OK if I open the window? = _____ if I open the window?
2. Yes, that's OK. = No, _____.
3. What do you think? I can't decide. = I can't _____.

4. He paid £500 for a pair of shoes. He must be crazy! = He must be _____!
5. That knife is very sharp. Be careful of your fingers! = _____ your fingers!
6. I need to go to the bank. Can you look after the shop for ten minutes? = Can you _____ the shop for ten minutes?

Answers

Activity 1

1. Can you play any musical instruments?
2. Do you know anyone who plays the piano?
3. I love plays by Shakespeare, especially his tragedies.
4. When I was at university, I played rugby nearly every weekend.
5. Where did you learn to play the guitar like that?
6. Would you like to go to the theatre to see a play?
7. We spent most of yesterday afternoon playing football in the park.

Activity 2

1. a) live (rhymes with 'give')
2. c) life (rhymes with 'wife')
3. b) live (rhymes with 'five')
4. a) live (rhymes with 'give')
5. b) live (rhymes with 'five')
6. c) life (rhymes with 'wife')

Activity 3

1. It's hot in here. Is it OK if I open the window? = Do you mind if I open the window?
2. Yes, that's OK. = No, I don't mind.
3. What do you think? I can't decide. = I can't make up my mind.
4. He paid £500 for a pair of shoes. He must be crazy! = He must be out of his mind!
5. That knife is very sharp. Be careful of your fingers! = Mind your fingers!
6. I need to go to the bank. Can you look after the shop for ten minutes? = Can you mind the shop for ten minutes?