

> Grammar

1 Match the two halves of the sentences. (1 point each)

- 1 e Today is the
  - 2 \_\_\_\_ This bed is
  - 3 \_\_\_\_ The days in summer
  - 4 \_\_\_\_ He is the
  - 5 \_\_\_\_ Winter in the U.S.
  - 6 \_\_\_\_ Opera is
- a worst guitarist in the band.
  - b are longer than in winter.
  - c softer than the other one.
  - d is colder than winter in Brazil.
  - e shortest day of the year.
  - f more relaxing than rock.

2 Unscramble the words to make sentences. (2 points each)

- 1 than / is / bigger / A trumpet / a tambourine  
*A trumpet is bigger than a tambourine.* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 music / Jazz / louder / than / classical music / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 is / than / smaller / an accordion / A recorder  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 music / softer / than / is / Soul music / pop  
\_\_\_\_\_

> Vocabulary

3 Complete the table with the instruments in the box. (1 point each)

triangle	violin	guitar
cello	saxophone	drum
viola	oboe	trombone
clarinet	xylophone	double bass
flute	gong	tambourine
piano	cymbal	French horn

String instruments	Wind instruments	Percussion instruments
cello		

> Communication

4 Complete the dialogue. (2 points each)

- A: Did you <sup>1</sup> go to the U2 concert?  
 B: Yes, it <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful!  
 A: <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it easy to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tickets?  
 B: No, it wasn't. It <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ quite <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

> Reading

5 Read and answer the questions. (4 points each)

**Nat King Cole**

Nat King Cole was born Nathaniel Adams Cole in Alabama, where his father was a Baptist minister. The family then moved to Chicago, where young Nat received music lessons from his mother before becoming an international superstar. He was the first major black performer to host a series on American TV. He went on to record many classic songs, becoming a legendary “crooner.”

**Glossary**

crooner – *singer who uses a soft style of singing*

- 1 Who was Nat’s music teacher?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Where was he born?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What was his father’s job?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Where did they move to?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What music did he record?  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 Read the sentences about Nat King Cole. Write **T** for true or **F** for false. (1 point each)

- 1 \_\_\_\_ Nat was the first black performer to host a series on American TV.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ The family moved to Alabama.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ Nat recorded many classical songs.
- 4 \_\_\_\_ Nat’s father was a bus driver.
- 5 \_\_\_\_ Nat took music lessons from his father.

> Writing

7 Complete the magazine article with words from the box. (1 point each)

singers	continue	contracts
teachers	trained	lessons
theaters		

*Operatunity* is a TV series where ordinary people can be selected to be <sup>1</sup> trained as classical <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in a nation-wide search for new classical talent! It is like *Pop Stars*, but the singers learn to sing opera instead of pop. The singers have <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with well-known <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and compete in weekly contests where they can be selected to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with their training or be eliminated from the show and then they go back home! Winners receive recording <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as well as contracts with major <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ nationwide and overseas.