

> Grammar

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

- 1 c This bed is
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Summer in England
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ The days in winter
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Today is the
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ He is the
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Opera is

- a best guitarist in the band.
- b longest day of the year.
- c harder than that one.
- d are shorter than in summer.
- e is cooler than summer in Spain.
- f more relaxing than rock.

2 Unscramble the words to make sentences. (3 points each)

- 1 than / a piano / is / A / smaller / recorder  
A recorder is smaller than a piano.
- 2 music / Trumpet / louder / than / piano / music / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 harmonica / a tambourine / A / is / than / smaller  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 than / music / more popular / is / rap and hip-hop / Country music  
\_\_\_\_\_

> Vocabulary

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

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

String instruments	Wind instruments	Percussion instruments
cello		

> Communication

4 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box. (1 point each)

go	go	easy	was (x3)
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- A: Did you <sup>1</sup> go to the Dido concert?  
 B: Yes, it <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ great!  
 A: <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it difficult to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tickets?  
 B: No, it wasn't. It <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ really  
<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

> Reading

5 Read the text and answer the questions. (3 points each)

**Nat King Cole**

Nat King Cole was born Nathaniel Adams Cole in Alabama, where his father was a Baptist minister. The family 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 and became a legendary “crooner”.

**Glossary**

crooner – singer who uses a soft style of singing

- 1 Where was Nat King Cole born?  
Alabama
- 2 Did Nat go to music school?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What job did his father do?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What was Nat’s full name?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What was he the first to do?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1 F Nat was the first white performer to host a series on American TV.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ The family moved to Chicago.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Nat recorded many rap songs.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Nat’s father was a church minister.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Nat took music lessons from a local music teacher.

> Writing

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

singers	continue	contracts	theaters
teachers	trained	lessons	

*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> \_\_\_\_\_ from 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.