**Quiz**

1) Sarah plays ____ instruments.
   a) two  
   b) three  
   c) no

2) Sarah says if you learn music later you will ____.
   a) not enjoy it  
   b) enjoy it more  
   c) not learn much

3) John learned the piano ____.
   a) in college  
   b) like his brothers  
   c) online

4) He says children need to learn to ____.
   a) sing in tune  
   b) write music  
   c) read music

5) He does he not mention being in?
   a) marching band  
   b) choir  
   c) rock band

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**Vocabulary**

**Instruments**

Do you play any musical **instruments**?

An instrument is a device used to play music, such as a guitar, violin, or flute. Notice the following:

1. He can play three instruments.
2. The high school band wants to buy new instruments for the students.

**Went away**

My brothers graduated from high school and **went away**.

When someone goes away, it can mean they have moved away from an area. Notice the following:

1. I went away after college.
2. She went away and never came back.

**Sheet music**

Reading **sheet music** is like reading a language.

Sheet music is printed music that musicians read as a guide as they play. Notice the following:

1. I cannot read sheet music.
Sarah: And I think too, it's really important for kids to be a part of a group like that. For example, singing in the choir or playing music in the orchestra, I think it's really good for kids to learn to work together and make music as a team. I have some really good memories about being a young kid in the orchestra.

John: Me too. I was also in choir and orchestra and marching band. So I don't play the orchestra instruments anymore and I don't play the marching band instruments anymore but I'm very glad that I had the experience of learning to read music and learning to work together as a team.

Sarah: That's true. Me too. Okay. I changed my mind. Even little kids, they should learn how to play a musical instrument.

[End of Transcript]

**Speaking Challenge**

*Answer these questions related to the lesson.*

1. Do you play any musical instruments?  
   A1
2. What instrument would you like to learn to play?  
   A2
3. Have you ever seen a marching band?  
   A3
4. Have you ever sung in a choir?  
   A4
5. Would you like to be in a rock band?  
   A5

**Vocabulary Quiz**

instruments • went away • sheet music  
choir • orchestra • marching band

1. Are you in the ________ band?  
2. I hear that they ________ for good.  
3. Do you play any ________?  
4. She plays violin in the school ________

5. Can you read ________?  
6. I used to sing in my school ________.

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Cut the Music?
John and Sarah talk about why art and music classes help students and why schools should not cut them.

John: So Sarah, when I was a kid, my school had the usual classes and we could take band class orchestra class, choir class, and art class if we wanted to take it.

Sarah: Uh-hmm.

John: But nowadays, school are cutting art programs and music programs.

Sarah: Yeah. I think it's too bad. I think that it's really important for students to take these art classes or music classes. I think it's important for adults to be well-rounded. Even though math and science are so important, I think it's also important that we know a little bit about poetry and art and music and things like that.

John: Yeah. So in these schools where art programs and music programs are being cut, maybe sometimes they still have clubs so students can join the music club after school. But I think it's not enough. Students should have the option of taking band class during school. Maybe they can't stay after school and join a club.

Sarah: Yeah, that's right. You say they should have the option. But I think students should be required to take a few classes like that.

John: Oh, that's a good idea.

Sarah: Uh-hmm.

John: Do you think that students should be required to try all of those classes?

Sarah: Maybe. I think so, but of course, maybe they don't have time to take a full year of art class. But I think they can take a class where they can study art and music and things like that.

John: And poetry and theatre.

Sarah: Yes, all together.

John: Oh, that's a good idea.

Sarah: I think maybe it's related. Even in elementary school these days in America, they're making recess time so short. They say, "We don't have time for recess, for art class, for music. We have to focus on math and science and reading." But I think students won't listen and learn as well if they don't have time to play or sing or dance.

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Sarah
John

Quiz

1) Schools are spending _____ on programs. ✓
   a) less
   b) more
   c) no money

2) Music makes students ______. ✓
   a) well-rounded
   b) superficial
   c) amusing

3) She thinks students should _____ take music. ✓
   a) have the option
   b) not have to
   c) have to

4) They want students to have more ______. ✓
   a) sports teams
   b) recess time
   c) study hours

5) Singing can help students ______. ✓
   a) listen more
   b) make friends
   c) finish homework

Vocabulary

cut
School are cutting art programs and music programs.

When you cut a program, you reduce it in size or remove it to save money. Notice the following:
1. They plan to cut the sports program.
2. The school needs to cut the music program.

well-rounded
I think it's important for adults to be well-rounded.

Here, when a person is well-rounded, they have a good background in many subjects. Notice the following:
1. She received a well-rounded education.
2. He is very well-rounded.

option
Students should have the option of taking band class during school.

When you have the option to do something, you have a choice to do it. Notice the following:
1. We do not have many options.
2. You have the option of leaving early if you like.

Word Puzzle
Compete the text with the words below:
- are being cut
- wanted to take it
- when I was a kid
- that it's really
- and theatre
- and join a club
- classes like that
- study art and music
Students should be **required** to try all those classes.

When you are **required** to do something you must do it. Notice the following:

1. We are required to pay our taxes.
2. At work, I am required to wear a uniform.

**recess**

They're making **recess time** so short.

A recess time is a break time for students between classes in school. Notice the following:

1. The students get a ten minute recess.
2. We played soccer at recess.

**lap**

They must **run three laps** on the track.

A lap is one circuit or rotation in a pool or on a track. Notice the following:

1. How many laps can you swim?
2. We ran a lap around the track.

**Vocabulary Quiz**

1. College students are usually **well-rounded**.
2. This course is **required** for my degree.
3. He swam a **lap** in the pool.
4. The kids love to play at **recess**.
5. They might **cut** the music program.
6. We do not have many **options**.

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