

Exam task

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For each question, choose the correct answer.

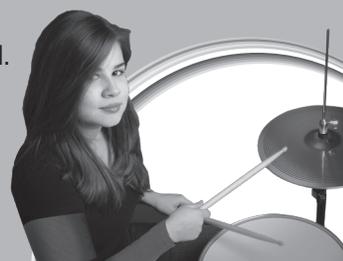
Playing the drums

Beth Jones was only eight years old when she first tried playing the drums. This was during a lunchtime music club at school, which she only went to because it was cold and rainy. Also her friends were in the playground playing hockey – a sport that Beth hated. Of all the musical instruments that the teacher had in the music room, the drums were the most interesting to Beth. She thought it was cool that there were many different shapes and sizes of drums, and she wanted to hit them, to see what they sounded like.

Now Beth is thirteen and gives concerts around the country. She also has her own YouTube channel and gets over a million hits a year. What's amazing is that Beth hasn't ever been to a drum lesson. 'You can learn anything on the internet, so I've never felt it was important for me to take classes,' explains Beth.

Giving concerts wasn't easy for Beth at the beginning because usually she only played drums alone in her bedroom when she came home from school. At her first concert, she played in a band with adults. She could feel hundreds of pairs of eyes looking at her, and that made her feel frightened.

So, does Beth enjoy being famous now? 'I didn't plan to be famous,' she says. 'All I want is to show others what I love. I don't think I'm someone special. I just want everyone to have a great time at my concerts.'



- 1 Why did Beth go to the music club at her school?
 - A She was too ill to play hockey outside.
 - B She wanted something to do one lunchtime.
 - C Her friends were away from school on a sports trip.
- 2 What is the writer explaining in the first paragraph?
 - A Why Beth chose the drums and not another instrument.
 - B Why the music teacher wanted Beth to try the drums.
 - C Why Beth thought the drums were so hard to play.
- 3 What does Beth say about drum lessons?
 - A She is sometimes sorry she didn't take lessons.
 - B She thinks lessons can be useful for some people.
 - C She has always thought she doesn't need lessons.
- 4 What do we learn about Beth's first concert?
 - A It was scary because many people were watching her.
 - B It was easier playing in a band than at home alone.
 - C It was difficult to be in a concert and do her schoolwork.
- 5 What do we learn about Beth in the final paragraph?
 - A Being a young drummer makes her feel special.
 - B She hopes people enjoy themselves at her concerts.
 - C Her life has changed a lot since she became famous.