

WORD FORMATION

- 1 Discuss the questions.
 - a How difficult do you think it is to learn to play a musical instrument?
 - b If you could play a musical instrument really well, which one would you choose to play? Why?
- 2 Read the text below, ignoring the gaps, and find out what the writer and his friends did.

- 3 Read the text again. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

» EXAM HELPLINE

Part 3: Word formation

- » Read the text once quickly for overall meaning.
- » Read it again sentence by sentence to identify the part of speech needed.

Why should real ⁰ musicians have all the fun? Some time ago, a group of friends and I founded *The Really Terrible Band* for people who really wanted to play, but who couldn't. Most of the band members had tried to learn to play at some time, but

¹ _____ never quite mastered it. In the beginning, we employed a professional band leader. Our first efforts were ² _____, but once we had rehearsed a few pieces, we decided to put on a public concert. We sensibly decided not to charge ³ _____.

Our first concert was packed with friends and relations. People were curious because of the ⁴ _____ of the band's name. But they were delighted with the results, although the reviews were rather unkind. 'How these people can possibly put on a ⁵ _____ in public is a mystery. They're ⁶ _____,' wrote one critic. That may be so, but we never claimed to be any good. So, inspired by the support of the audience, we held more concerts and our ⁷ _____ grew.

We actually made a CD, and the ⁸ _____ thing was that people bought it. So there's no stopping us now. We remain really terrible and could never play ⁹ _____, but in our view it doesn't matter if we sound out of tune. We shall go on and on. So amateurs, be ¹⁰ _____ - make a noise!

MUSIC

FORTUNATE

DISASTER

ADMIT

HONEST

PERFORM

HOPE

POPULAR

ASTONISH

PROFESSION

COURAGE

