

Rainbow Readers

Title: Wishing I Were Wolfgang

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

fireplace	rehearsal	conducts	candles	harmony
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1. There was no electricity, so they had to light some candles.
2. This is the band's last rehearsal before their big concert.
3. If you're cold, move your chair closer to the fireplace.
4. The music teacher, Mrs. Kerns, conducts the school orchestra.
5. I like songs in which several people sing in harmony.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Franz's father has many friends who play music. T / F
2. Nowadays, Franz hardly ever practices. T / F
3. Everyone loved hearing Franz play when he was little. T / F
4. Franz tried to have a suit made for his cat. T / F
5. Franz's father told him he was already a great musician. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Franz pretended that his cat Leo was a (king / conductor).
2. Wolfgang gave the Empress of Austria a (hug / violin).
3. Franz felt (nervous / confident) on the day of the rehearsal.
4. The musicians at the rehearsal were (honest with / angry at) Franz.
5. Soon Franz and Anna are going to play Mozart's music (in public / for friends).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. How old was Wolfgang when he started his Grand Tour?

- a. 7
- b. 10
- c. 11
- d. 13

2. Who did Franz say could play violin with him?

- a. His father
- b. Wolfgang
- c. His sister
- d. Leo

3. Franz said he was going to _____.

- a. Travel all over the world
- b. Play the piano all over Europe
- c. Compose music with Wolfgang
- d. Conduct orchestras playing Wolfgang's music

4. Why did Papa ask some musicians to play Franz's music?

- a. Because he believed it was very good
- b. Because he wanted to hear how it sounded
- c. Because he thought it would make Franz happy
- d. Because he wanted Franz to become serious

5. The musicians told Franz _____.

- a. How hard they worked
- b. How talented he was
- c. That Wolfgang was a genius
- d. That he should give up music

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

princesses	genius	scolded	bang	concert
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It is 1767, and 10-year-old Franz is a friend and neighbor of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Though Wolfgang is only a year older, he is already famous. Franz has always admired the young musical genius. When he was very little, he told people he was going to be just like Wolfgang. He would bang on the piano and imagine that it sounded good. Franz told his father he wanted to tour Europe and meet kings, queens, and princesses, like Wolfgang did. But he didn't work hard. His father scolded him, but he didn't listen. Finally, Papa decided to teach Franz a lesson. He told Franz that he would ask some real musicians to play his music. Instead of preparing, Franz spent his time dreaming. When the day of the concert arrived, the musicians said that they couldn't read his music and that he needed to study. Franz was embarrassed, and he apologized. He began practicing for real, and now he is good enough to play Wolfgang's music!