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Mozart was born into a musical family in Salzburg, Austria. His father worked for the local orchestra, taught the violin and was a composer. Mozart started learning the keyboard when he was three and composed his first pieces of music aged five. His father soon became unable to keep up with his son’s outstanding talents.

Between the ages of six and seventeen, Mozart went on tours of Europe with his family. He performed in front of royalty and met many great musicians. He also studied the works of the great composers, including Johan Bach, who he met in London in 1764 and 1765. By his mid-teens, Mozart had established himself throughout Europe as an up-and-coming composer.

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237 words
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SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students’?

Paragraphs 1 and 2
1. almost
2. composed
3. experts
4. local
5. keyboard
6. outstanding

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. tours
8. established
9. up-and-coming
10. finest
11. lavish
12. influences

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

1. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart lived
2. music experts say
3. Mozart was born
4. composed his first pieces
5. His father soon became unable
6. He also studied the works
7. an up-and-
8. producing music that is
9. lived quite a
10. one of the greatest influences

a. studied by students
b. of music aged five
c. lavish lifestyle
d. coming composer
e. he was a musical genius
f. on classical music
g. into a musical family
h. between 1756 and 1791
i. to keep up
j. of the great composers
LISTENING GAP FILL:

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

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Mozart was born onto / into a musical family in Salzburg, Austria. His father worked for / by the local orchestra, taught the violin and was a composer. Mozart started learning the keyboard when he was three and composed his first pieces of music aged / age five. His father soon became unable to keep down / up with his son’s outstanding talents.

Between the ages of six and seventeen, Mozart went / been on tours of Europe with his family. He performed in front of royalty / royal and met many great musicians. He also studied the works of the greet / great composers, including Johan Bach, who he met in London in 1764 and 1765. By his mid-teens, Mozart had established himself throughout Europe as an up-and-coming / down-and-out composer.

Mozart moved to Vienna and started composed / composing some of his finest works, including / included the opera “The Marriage of Figaro”. He married, had two children and lived quite / quiet a lavish lifestyle. He worked non-stop producing music that is studied by students all over the world today. He continues to be one of the greatest influence / influences on classical music.
SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

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2. mobile phone **oniersntg**
3. He composed over 600 **rwkso**
4. he was a musical **ugnise**

Paragraph 2
5. Mozart was born into a **sailumc** family
6. His father worked for the local **etscorrha**
7. **albenu** to keep up
8. his son’s outstanding **tantsle**

Paragraph 3
9. He performed in front of **rtalyyo**
10. the works of the **agtre** composers
11. Mozart had **hdiselatebs** himself
12. an up-and-**nimgoc** composer

Paragraph 4
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15. He worked **nno-tops**
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

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MOZART DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Mozart?
2. Would you like to have met Mozart?
3. What would you like to know about Mozart and why?

4. ____________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________________

MOZART DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Mozart?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Mozart?
3. What would his answers have been to those questions?

4. ____________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________________

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**MOZART SURVEY:**

Write five questions about Mozart in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING:
Write about Mozart for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Mozart. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MOZART POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Mozart. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Mozart. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he did every day and what he thought about.
   Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Mozart. Ask him three questions about his life. Tell him how important he is in today’s world. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Mozart expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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12. influences  l. inspirations

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES
Look at the text on page 2.