

Music and my life



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Music is an important part of our everyday life. It can give messages or stories to the people who listen. There are many different types of music that can make you feel happy or sad. Singing is universal in the world. I like all types of music but country music is my favourite.

I am writing this thanks to all the help I have had from my tutor. I almost lost my job because I couldn't read or write much, and I failed written safety tests at work. I was worried I would end up on the scrap heap, at my age.

My boss found out about Read Write Now. The tutor came to my workplace, so she could help me learn all the reading and writing for my job.

I've got lots of workplace certificates now and I even train the new young workers who aren't so good at reading. I even won an award, which I thought would never happen in my life.

I am looking forward now to retirement, knowing that I have the confidence to go travelling and can look after my own banking and bills.

*Before going on to do the Activities on the following pages, **tell your tutor the main points** that David writes about. See if you can put his main points in your **own words**. It's easier to do that from memory – if you can – rather than by looking at the text.*



Each of these sentences (below) is in the text.

Draw lines to match each sentence starter with its correct ending.

You might even be able to work them out, without looking!

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... Read Write Now.

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... I thought would never happen in my life.

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... all the help I have had from my tutor.

My boss found out about ...

... universal in the world.

I even won an award, which...

... important part of our everyday life.

Fill in the gaps, by looking at the text. *(Note that the spacing has been changed from the original copy on the first page.)*

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Can you answer these True/False questions? Circle True or False

- The writer's favourite type of music is country. True False
- The writer failed written safety tests at work. True False
- The tutor came to his home. True False
- The writer's name is Edward. True False
- The writer almost won an award. True False
- The writer is looking forward to retirement. True False

These words are in the text. **Find them in the grid.** Cross them off as you go.

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 universal favourite thanks
 safety worried knowing thought life
 music never written sad

l	k	n	o	w	i	n	g	s	t
s	l	i	f	e	l	o	e	a	y
a	n	o	s	v	i	t	q	f	p
d	k	m	w	e	s	f	u	e	e
i	m	p	o	r	t	a	n	t	s
f	u	x	r	y	e	v	i	y	t
f	s	w	r	d	n	o	v	p	h
e	i	r	i	a	g	u	e	t	o
r	c	y	e	y	a	r	r	e	u
e	v	d	d	u	o	i	s	p	g
n	e	v	e	r	f	t	a	h	h
t	h	a	n	k	s	e	l	c	t

This text has two contractions in it. **Contractions** are short versions of words.

couldn't is short for could not

aren't is short for are not

Can you work out what these contractions are short for?

can't is short for

isn't is short for

didn't is short for

wasn't is short for

hasn't is short for

don't is short for

Can you find *and correct* spelling errors in this text? There are twelve errors.

See how many mistakes you can find, before you check this copy against the original text. The blank lines are for you to write the correct spellings.

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