

Exercise 1

- 1 called upon 2 virtuoso 3 cherish 4 chip in
 5 prestigious 6 adamant 7 a standing ovation
 8 unprecedented 9 launch 10 acclaimed

Exercise 2

- 1 genius 2 aptitude 3 headed 4 pressure 5 across
 6 gifted 7 by 8 grips 9 at 10 bottom

Exercise 3

- 1 False 2 True 3 False 4 False 5 True

Exercise 4

- 1 Art therapy is a nonverbal channel for communication which is good for children with learning difficulties who may find speaking challenging.
 2 Art can help children to focus and to relax, as well as to release tensions.
 3 Children can paint and draw as well as play musical instruments.
 4 Art therapy can help children develop social skills such as listening and cooperating with others.
 5 Art therapy helps children to value themselves when they realize they can participate a group situation.

Exercise 5

- 1 water down 2 set off 3 turned down 4 bring ... up
 5 put up with 6 pass up 7 live ... down 8 call off
 9 get away with 10 figure out

Exercise 6

- 1 called it off 2 get away with it 3 put up with
 4 go back on your promises 5 come up with them
 6 pick up on them 7 getting over his illness 8 draw up
 9 water down 10 take it on

Exercise 7

- 1 bring 2 put 3 composer 4 down 5 away 6 live
 7 under 8 virtuoso 9 pass 10 pianist

Exercise 8 (suggested answers)

- 1 When did you realize that your son was gifted artist?
 2 Is he also good at maths?
 3 What musical instruments do he play?
 4 When I was called upon to represent my country.
 5 I cherish the moment I received my (gold) medal.

Exercise 9

Students' own answers.