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Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is 200 years old

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was played in Vienna for its 200th anniversary. The premiere of Beethoven's masterpiece took place in Vienna on the 7th of May, 1824. Beethoven lived and worked in Vienna for most of his life. He wrote many of his famous works there. A woman who sang in the choir told the BBC: "It's the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love. You're lifted up...when you're singing."

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is one of the greatest and most widely-recognized pieces of music ever written. The symphony's fourth movement is called Ode to Joy. A version of Ode to Joy is the anthem of the European Union. The Ode represents peace and international understanding. The singer in the choir said Beethoven's Ninth was "wonderful". She said it "moves from the darkness to the light".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c14kv70d1keo>
<https://www.dw.com/en/beethovens-ninth-symphony-200-years-on/a-68919265>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Beethoven's Ninth Symphony | a. works there |
| 2. its 200th | b. in Vienna |
| 3. The premiere of Beethoven's | c. anniversary |
| 4. took place | d. worked in Vienna |
| 5. Beethoven lived and | e. message of love |
| 6. for most | f. was played in Vienna |
| 7. He wrote many of his famous | g. of his life |
| 8. be able to sing this wonderful | h. masterpiece |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. one of the | a. understanding |
| 2. widely-recognized | b. to the light |
| 3. The symphony's fourth | c. pieces of music |
| 4. the anthem of the | d. greatest |
| 5. The Ode represents | e. choir |
| 6. international | f. movement |
| 7. The singer in the | g. peace |
| 8. it moves from the darkness | h. European Union |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240509-beethovens-ninth-symphony-1.html>

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (1) _____ Vienna for its 200th anniversary. (2) _____ Beethoven's masterpiece (3) _____ Vienna on the 7th of May, 1824. Beethoven lived and worked in Vienna for most of his life. He (4) _____ his famous works there. A woman who sang in the choir told the BBC: "It's (5) _____ to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love. You're lifted up...(6) _____."

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is one (7) _____ and most widely-recognized pieces of (8) _____. The symphony's fourth (9) _____ Ode to Joy. A version of Ode to Joy is (10) _____ the European Union. The Ode (11) _____ international understanding. The singer in the choir said Beethoven's Ninth was "wonderful". She said it "moves from (12) _____ the light".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEETHOVEN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240509-beethovens-ninth-symphony-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Beethoven in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

