



Do I Have to Practice?

Jenny sat at the piano, feeling a little tired and grumpy. It had been a busy day at school, and she didn't feel like practicing her piano lesson. She called to her mother in the kitchen. "Mom, do I have to practice tonight?"

"Yes, Jenny, your recital is this Saturday, and you need to polish your performance a little bit more," her mom replied. Jenny frowned even harder but knew her mom was not likely to change her mind, so she opened her piano book and started playing.

After a while, the lively music made her feel a little better. Plus, she realized she was getting good at playing this piece and made very few mistakes, making her feel confident and energized. She ended up practicing even longer than usual that night.

The day of the recital was exciting. The piano students were dressed in their best clothes so they would look nice for the audience. They were nervous. The room was filled with people anxious to hear them play. Jenny's turn came, and she took a deep breath to calm herself. She began to play, and her fear faded away in the fun of her music. When she stood to take a bow at the end of her piece, she saw her grandparents smiling and clapping in the audience. They had traveled a long distance to surprise her and to hear her recital. Jenny was thrilled to see them and thankful that her mom had encouraged her to keep practicing. She had played well, and everyone was proud of her.

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1. What musical instrument was Jenny practicing?
☐ piano ☐ guitar
☐ flute ☐ drums
 2. What was Jenny practicing and preparing for?
☐ a party ☐ a contest
☐ a piano recital ☐ a class at school
 3. How did Jenny feel after she practiced her piano music for a little while?
☐ scared ☐ confident and energized
☐ upset and frustrated ☐ bored
 4. Who surprised Jenny and came to her piano recital?
☐ her cousins ☐ her schoolteacher
☐ her grandparents ☐ her neighbors
 5. Jenny was thankful that her mom encouraged her to keep _____.
☐ singing ☐ practicing
☐ writing ☐ eating