



## Lesson 61: Childhood Instruments

### Exercise 01

### Vocabulary

<b>instrument</b>	(N)	an object used for playing music	Daily practice is important when learning a musical <b>instrument</b> .
<b>drum</b>	(N)	a round musical instrument that is hit with sticks or the hands	He plays the <b>drums</b> in a band.
<b>glockenspiel</b>	(N)	a musical instrument made of metal bars that is played with small hammers	<b>Glockenspiel</b> is a simple instrument, which is made of metal.
<b>amazing</b>	(ADJ)	very good and surprising	You painted an <b>amazing</b> picture.
<b>compliment</b>	(V)	to praise someone	He is very good at <b>complimenting</b> his co-workers.
<b>perform</b>	(V)	to do something to entertain people	She's <b>performing</b> in an all-female chorus.
<b>embarrassed</b>	(ADJ)	feeling shy and uncomfortable in front of other people	She felt <b>embarrassed</b> when she dropped her papers.
<b>unaware</b>	(ADJ)	not knowing about something	She was <b>unaware</b> of social problems.
<b>feel tense</b>	(PHRASE)	to feel nervous, uncomfortable and unable to relax	<b>I feel tense</b> whenever I speak English with a foreigner.
<b>associate</b>	(V)	to make a connection between things in your mind	<b>I associate</b> winter with snow.



## Exercise 02

### Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Jane and Jess talk about childhood instruments.



Jane

When I was a child, I played a small drum. Did you play an instrument, Jess?



Jess

Yes, I remember I had a glockenspiel. I couldn't play it very well, but I tried.



Jane

I have always associated the glockenspiel with Christmas.



Jess

Actually, you are right; I used to play it at our school Christmas parties. My classmates and I would perform Christmas songs. I remember I felt a little tense because I wasn't great, but it was fun. How about you? Were you good at the drum?



Jane

Well, I think I was good, but not amazing. My parents complimented me so much that I started to think I was. I feel embarrassed now that I thought I was so talented.



Jess

I think that's normal for children. I was always proud of my performance. I thought that I was the best player in the band.



Jane

We were so young and unaware.





Jess

Yes, we were.

### Check your understanding:

- What instrument did Jane play when she was a child?
- When did Jess play glockenspiel in her childhood?
- Why did Jane feel embarrassed when she recalled her childhood?

### Exercise 03

### Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

#### Situation:

- You and your friend are planning to start a band.
- Your teacher will be your friend.
- Decide what instruments you will play and what sort of music you will make.

### Exercise 04

### Discussion

- 1) What is your favorite musical instrument? Why do you like it?
- 2) What are the advantages of learning how to play an instrument from a young age?
- 3) When you were a child, did you learn to play a musical instrument? Why? Why not?
- 4) Are there any instruments that you would like to learn to play?
- 5) What is your favorite childhood memory?

