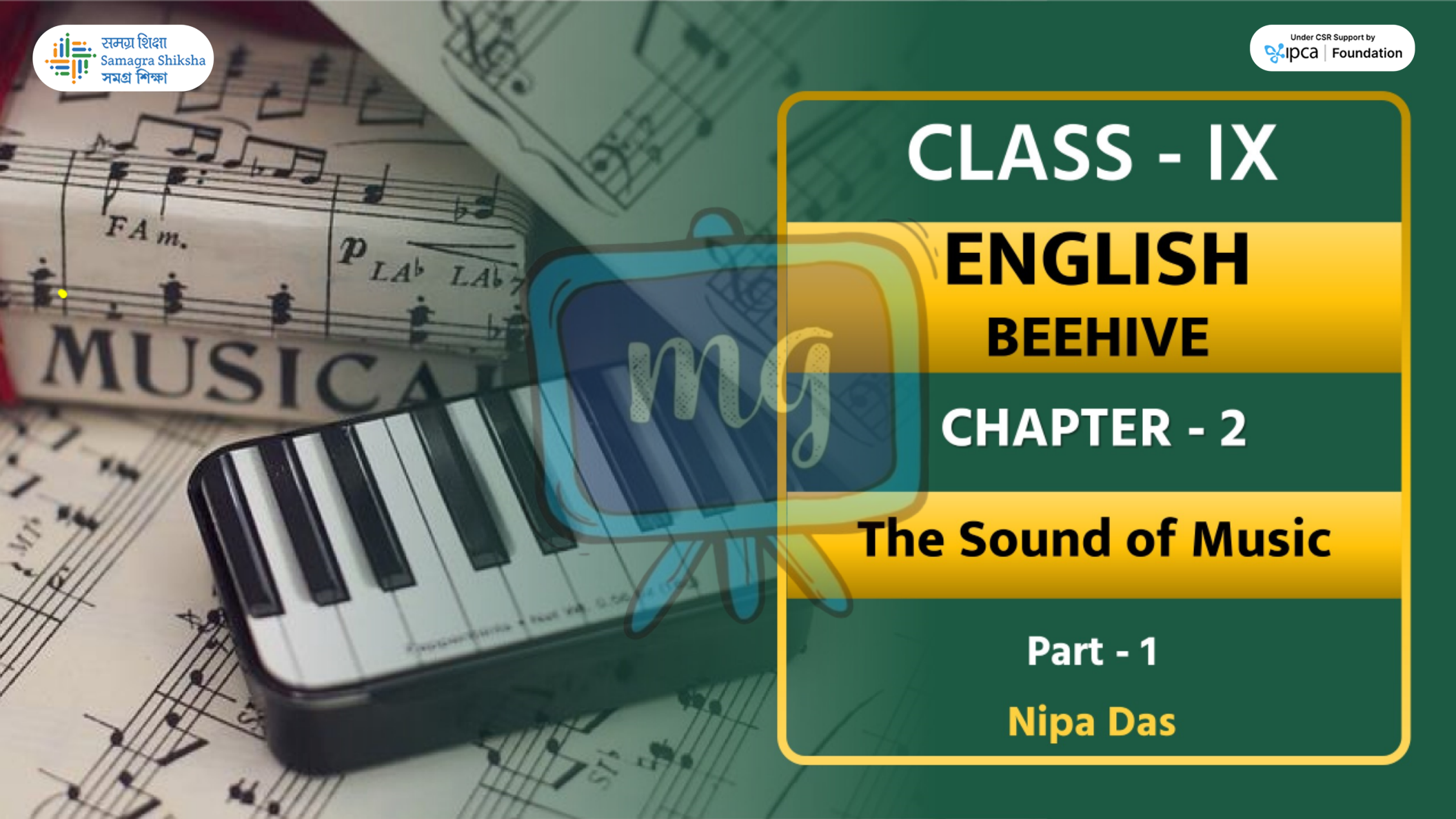

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Deborah Cowley was born in India, grew up in Toronto, Canada is a freelance writer and broadcaster.

“The Sound of Music” divides into two parts. Each part focuses on two musicians, **Evelyn Glennie** and **Bismillah Khan**. Part one throws light on Evelyn’s life and struggles to become a successful musician.

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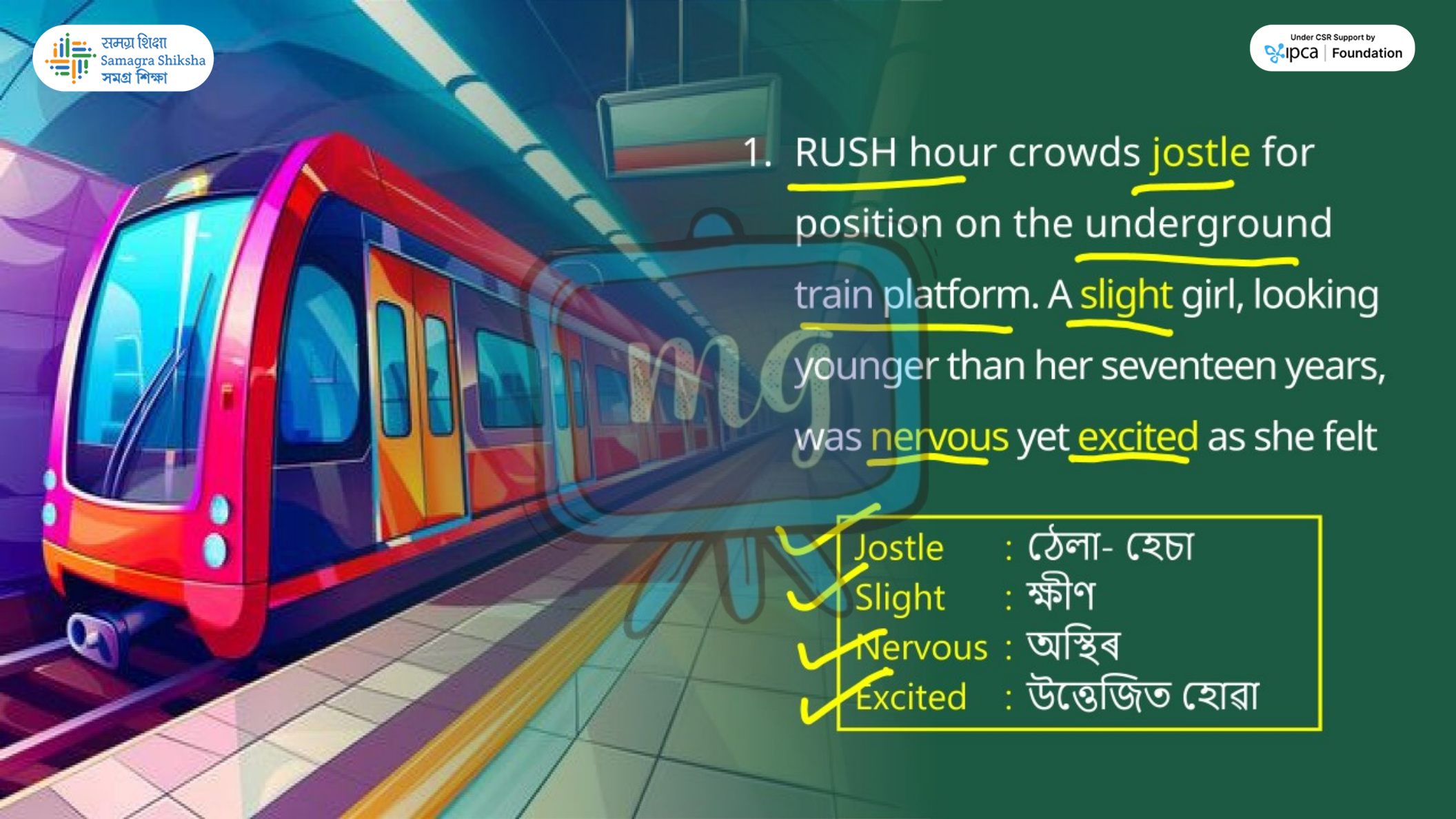
☛ God may have taken her hearing but he has given her back something extraordinary. What we hear, she feels — far more deeply than any of us. That is why she expresses music so beautifully."



- Evelyn Glennie who fought against a physical disability and made her life a success story.

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1. RUSH hour crowds jostle for position on the underground train platform. A slight girl, looking younger than her seventeen years, was nervous yet excited as she felt

Jostle	:	ঠেলা- হেচা
Slight	:	ক্ষীণ
Nervous	:	অস্থিৰ
Excited	:	উত্তেজিত হোৱা

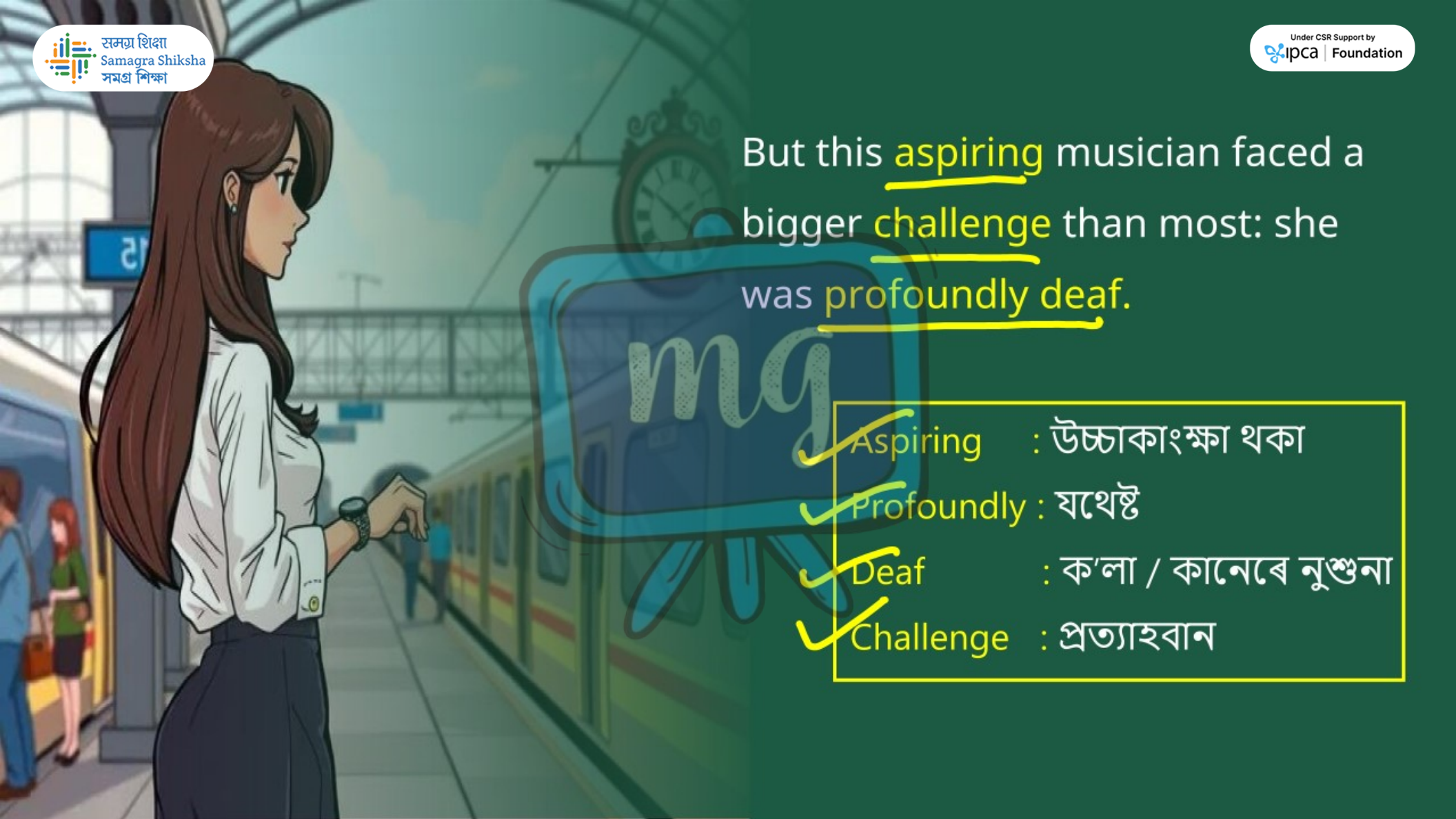
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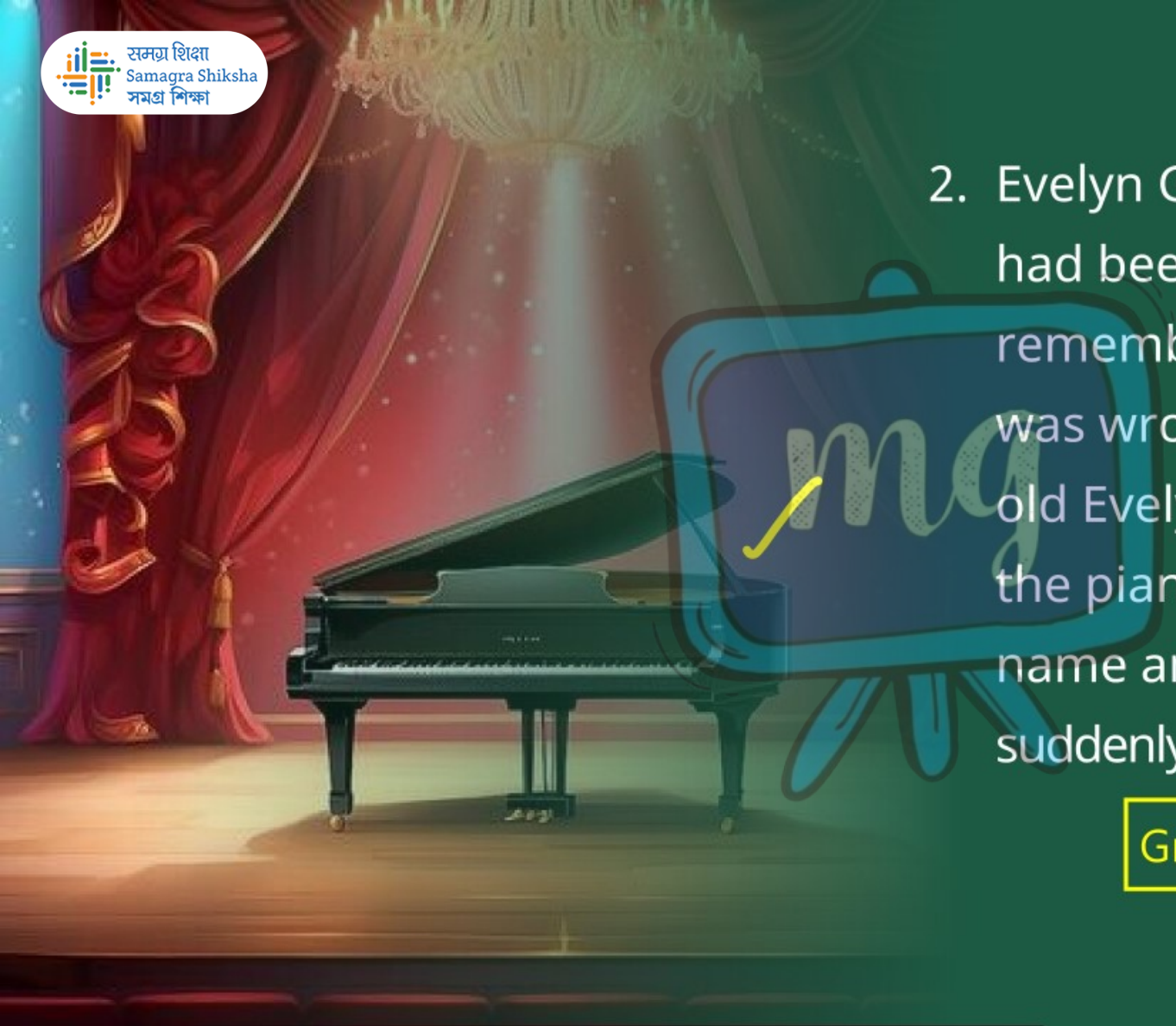
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the vibrations of the approaching train. It was her first day at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music in London and daunting enough for any teenager fresh from a Scottish farm.

Vibrations	: কম্পন
Approaching	: ওচৰলৈ আহি থকা
Prestigious	: প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত
Daunting	: ভয়ানক

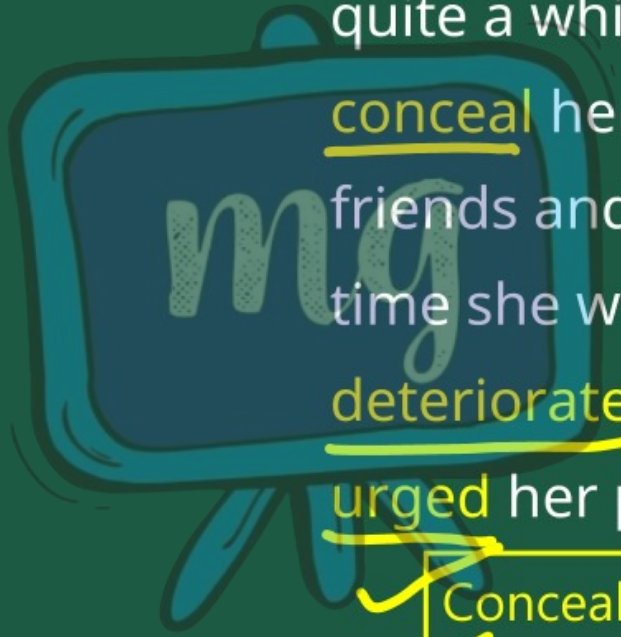

But this aspiring musician faced a bigger challenge than most: she was profoundly deaf.
Aspiring : উচ্চাকাংক্ষা থকা
Profoundly : যথেষ্ট
Deaf : ক'লা / কানেৰে নুশুনা
Challenge : প্রত্যাহবান



2. Evelyn Glennie's loss of hearing had been gradual. Her mother remembers noticing something was wrong when the eight-year-old Evelyn was waiting to play the piano. "They called her name and she didn't move. I suddenly realised she hadn't

Gradual : ক্রমান্বয়ে

heard," says Isabel Glennie. For quite a while Evelyn managed to conceal her growing deafness from friends and teachers. But by the time she was eleven her marks had deteriorated and her headmistress urged her parents to take her to a



Conceal	: লুকুৱাই ৰখা
Deteriorated	: অৱনতি ঘটা
Urged	: অনুৰোধ কৰা

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specialist. It was then discovered that her hearing was severely impaired as a result of gradual nerve damage. They were advised

- Specialist : বিশেষজ্ঞ
- Discovered : বিচাৰি পোৱা ।
- Severely : বেছিকৈ
- Impaired : বেয়া
- Advised : উপদেশ

that she should be fitted with hearing aids and sent to a school for the deaf. “Everything suddenly looked black,” says Evelyn.





3. But Evelyn was not going to give up. She was determined to lead a normal life and pursue her interest in music. One day she noticed a girl playing a xylophone and decided that she wanted to play it too. Most of the

Determined : দৃঢ় প্রতিজ্ঞ
Pursue : মনোনিবেশ
Interest : আগ্রহ



teachers discouraged her but percussionist Ron Forbes spotted her potential. He began by tuning two large drums to different notes. “Don’t listen through your ears,” he would say, “try to sense it some other way.” Says Evelyn, “Suddenly

Discouraged : নিৰুৎসাহিত কৰা
Percussionist : তবলা, ড্রাম, ঢোল জাতীয় বাদ্যযন্ত্র বজোৱা ব্যক্তি
Potential : সম্ভৱনা

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I realised I could feel the higher drum from the waist up and the lower one from the waist down." Forbes repeated the exercise, and soon Evelyn discovered that she



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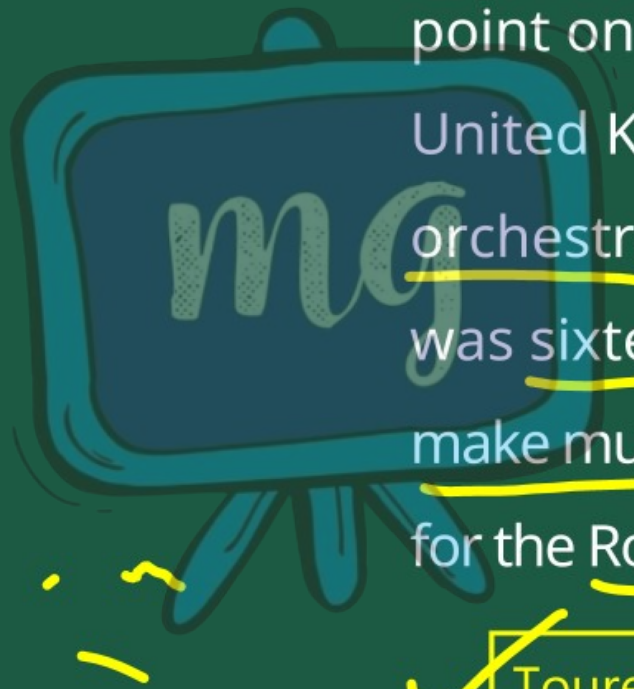
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could sense certain notes in different parts of her body. “I had learnt to open my mind and body to sounds and vibrations.” The rest was sheer determination and hard work.

Sheer : কেৱল

4. She never looked back from that point onwards. She toured the United Kingdom with a youth orchestra and by the time she was sixteen, she had decided to make music her life. She auditioned for the Royal Academy of Music and



Toured : ভ্ৰমণ কৰা

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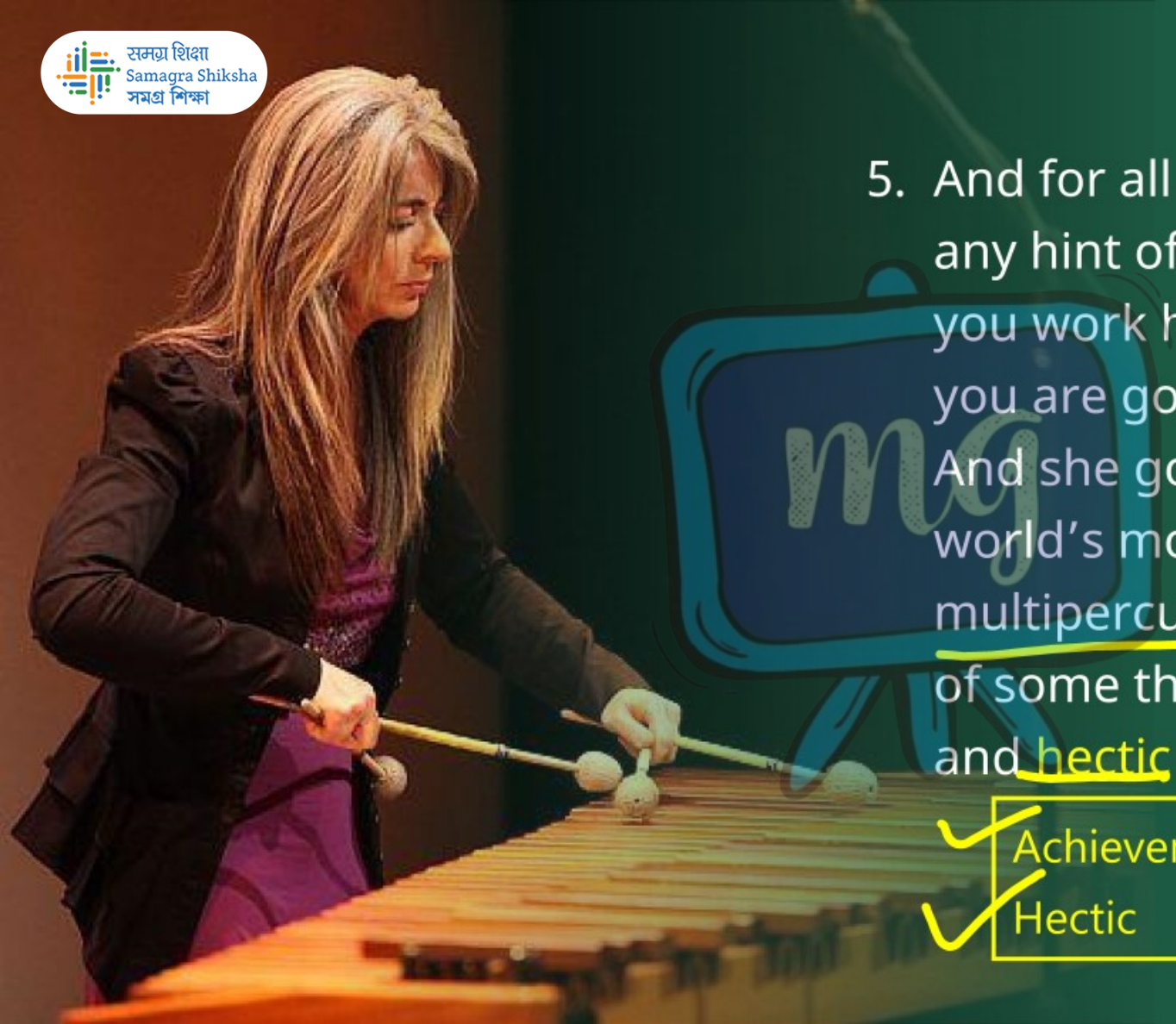


scored one of the highest marks in the history of the academy. She gradually moved from orchestral work to solo performances. At the end of her three-year course, she had captured most of the top awards.

Performances : প্রদর্শন
Captured : লোৱা

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5. And for all this, Evelyn won't accept any hint of heroic achievement. "If you work hard and know where you are going, you'll get there." And she got right to the top, the world's most sought-after multipercussionist with a mastery of some thousand instruments, and hectic international schedule.

Achievement	: প্রাপ্তি
Hectic	: অতি ব্যস্ত

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ASSESSMENT

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1 At What age did Evelyn lose her hearing completely?

A 5 Years

B 11 Years

C 17 Years

D 10 Years

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2 With what did Ron Forbes encourage Evelyn to perceive music ?

- A Ears
- B Whole body
- C Hearing aids
- D Eyes