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CLASS – 9

ENGLISH

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CH-2 : The Sound of Music

Part – 3

COMPREHENSION

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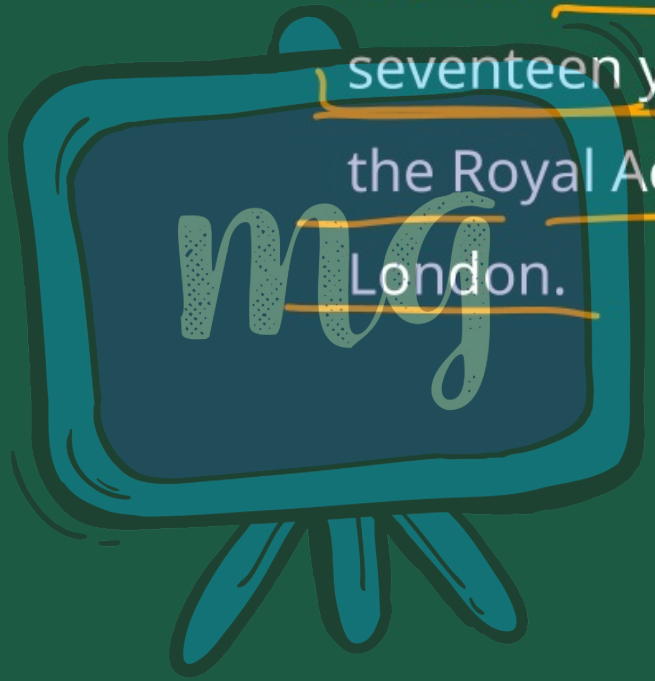
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COMPREHENSION CHECK

I. Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each.

Q.1 How old was Evelyn when she went to the Royal Academy of Music?

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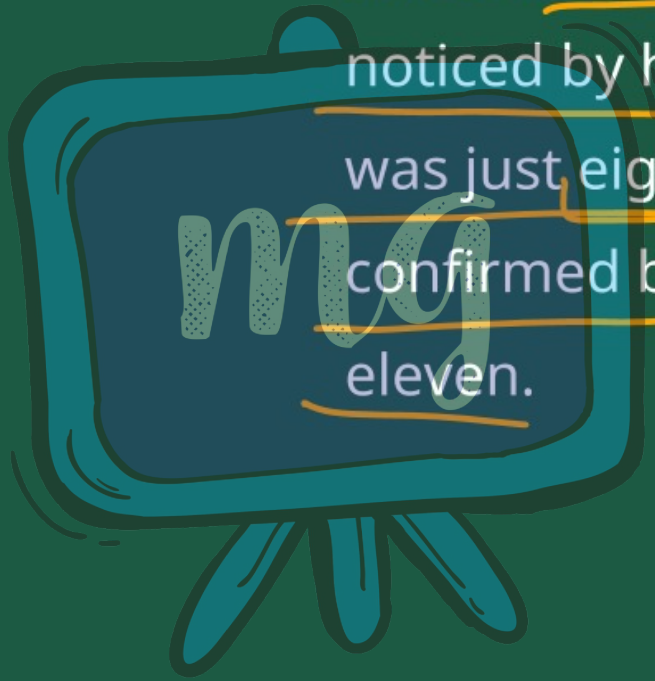
Answer : Evelyn was younger than seventeen years when she went to the Royal Academy of Music in London.

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Q.2 When was her deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?

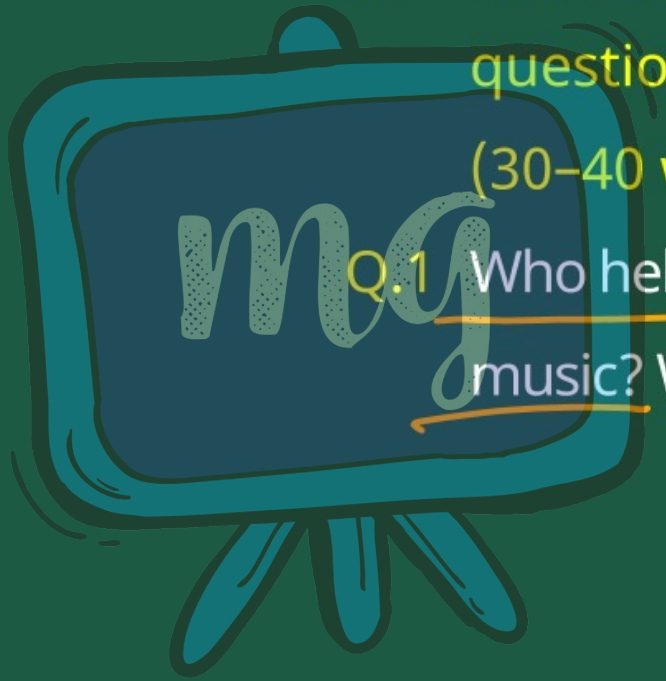


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Answer : Her deafness was first noticed by her mother when she was just eight years old and it was confirmed by the time she was eleven.

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II. Answer each of these questions in a short paragraph (30–40 words).

Q.1 Who helped her to continue with music? What did he do and say?

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Answer : Percussionist Ron Forbes helped Evelyn to continue with music. He began by tuning two large drums to different notes. He asked her not to listen to them through her ears but to try and sense the sound in some other manner.

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Q.2 Name the various places and causes for which Evelyn performs.



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Answer : Evelyn, apart from her hectic international schedule, with regular concerts, gives free concerts in prisons and hospitals. She also accords high priority to classes for young musicians.

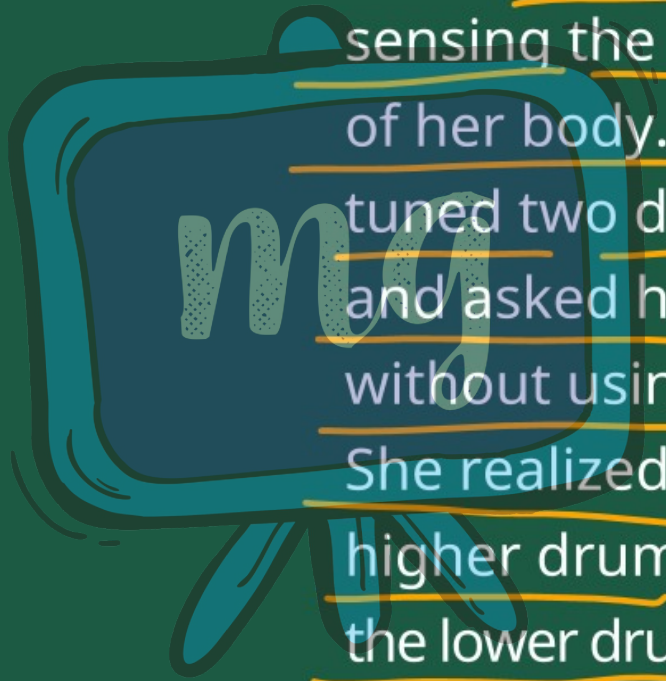
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III. Answer the question in two or three paragraphs (100–150 words).

Q.1 How does Evelyn hear music?

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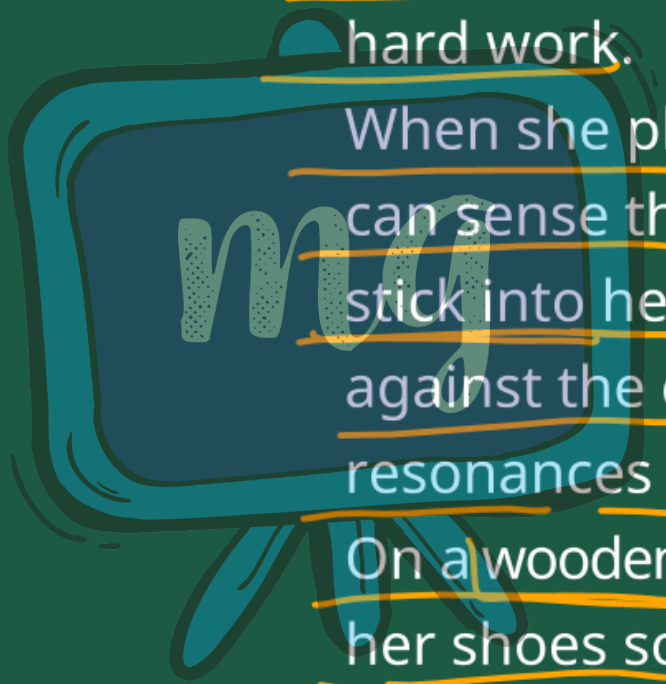


Answer : Evelyn hears music by sensing the notes in different parts of her body. When Ron Forbes tuned two drums to different notes and asked her to sense the sound without using her ears.

She realized that she could feel the higher drum from the waist up and the lower drum from the waist down.

She learnt how to open her mind and body to sounds and vibrations.

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It was sheer determination and hard work.

When she plays the xylophone, she can sense the sound passing up the stick into her fingertips. By leaning against the drums, she can feel the resonances flowing into her body.

On a wooden platform, she removes her shoes so that the vibrations can pass through her bare feet and up her legs.