

Part 1.

Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer a, b or c.

Ray: I went somewhere amazing last week – a recording studio! Not somewhere I'd ever thought I'd go, to be honest, and it was great. As you know, I'm interested in going into the music industry when I'm older. I love playing the guitar. I'd need to be much better at it to be a professional guitarist, though. I used to think that being a DJ would be great – getting paid to play records and listen to them – but what really interests me now is the idea of being a sound technician – and I'll tell you why.

Last week – you know it was the school holidays – well I was staying at my cousin's – he lives on the coast, so it's really cool at his place and I often go and stay during the holidays. Well that's when I was invited to go to the recording studio! We were having dinner, and my cousin and I were talking about music and things like that. My aunt was listening, and she works in advertising. She said she was doing something for a recording studio, and asked me if I'd like to go there for the day! She said she had a good friend who worked there, called Kate, and she'd ask her if I could spend some time with her while they were actually doing a recording. I was just so excited!

The studio's quite far from where I live – it's near the main train station in the next town. So the morning after I got back home, I got up really early to catch the bus there. I was standing at the bus stop when I saw my best friend's dad driving past. He stopped and gave me a lift because he works in the next town near the station. So that was a good start to the day!

I had a great time there, seeing how they do stuff like recording the voices and the instruments separately – I must say, there were plenty of retakes! And they showed me how they do mastering to even out the sound after the recording, that sort of thing. It was really interesting. Kate, who took me round, was just so nice, and she gave me some advice. She said she was sure I already know loads about music and watch plenty of bands online – but if I really wanted to achieve my goals, I ought to

work hard at school, that was the most important thing. She said people in the entertainment industry don't just go to lots of concerts and go to parties with celebrities, it's about more than that and you need to be good at what you do. I haven't stopped talking about it since, and it's given me so much to think about. It's one of the most exciting things that's ever happened to me! They said I could send them a video of me playing the guitar, they'd like to see it – but I know they were just being kind. I've made one, but haven't sent it yet. I started to write an email to them to thank them, but then I thought a postcard would be nicer, so I got one, wrote a couple of things on it and posted it to them yesterday.

1. What job would Ray like to do when he's older? _____
a) guitarist b) sound technician c) DJ
2. Who invited Ray to visit the recording studio? _____
a) his aunt b) his friend c) his cousin
3. How did Ray get to the recording studio? _____
a) by bus b) by car c) by train
4. What did the woman at the recording studio say Ray should do? _____
a) watch bands online b) go to lots of concerts c) work hard at school _____
5. What did Ray send the people at the recording studio after his visit? _____
a) a postcard b) an email c) a video