

# Practising the piano



“Sit down and practise the piano.”

“I just need to brush my hair,” said Megan.

“All right, but do it straight after that.”

“Of course I will,” replied Megan with a smile.

Megan went upstairs and brushed her hair. Slowly. Then she decided she had to tidy her desk – that could take till lunchtime.

“Have you finished brushing your hair?” called a voice from downstairs.

“Yes, I just need to tidy my desk,” Megan called back.

“That’s a good idea, but make sure you do your piano practice,” came the distant voice.

“Of course I will,” Megan shouted back cheerily.

She turned back to her desk and saw her pencil case. It was full of pens, coloured pens, pencils, coloured pencils, a ruler, a folding ruler, two pencil sharpeners and a load of sharpenings. She decided it needed tidying too so she tipped it out on to the desk. Most of the pencils and coloured pencils needed sharpening so she set to work on them. She liked them really sharp and it took quite a long time.

“Lunchtime!” called the voice from below.

Megan jumped up and hopped her way downstairs. She ate her lunch ... slowly.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the questions using full sentences.**

1. What is the name of the girl in the story?

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2. Who, do you think, is asking her to practise the piano?

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3. Do you think that the girl wants to practise the piano?

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4. What was the girl's first excuse to not practise the piano?

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5. Which two things did the girl decide to tidy?

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6. Make a list of all the things that you have in your pencil case.

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**Answer the questions, using full sentences.**

1. Who do you think is telling Megan to practise the piano?

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2. Why did Megan brush her hair slowly?

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3. Why did Megan decide to tidy her desk and her pencil case?

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4. Do you think that Megan is going to be in trouble for not practising the piano?

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Do you think that Megan is behaving well?

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Do you play a musical instrument? If you do, describe the instrument, your lessons and how often you practise. If you don't, describe which instrument you would like to play and why.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the questions using full sentences.**

1. Look at the word 'practise'. Look through the passage carefully to find a different spelling of the word. Why is it spelt differently? You may need to look in a dictionary to help you with this question.

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2. Why do you think Megan smiled when she said, 'Of course I will'?

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3. How strict is the person who is asking Megan to practise, do you think?

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4. What would you say to Megan to encourage her to practise?

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5. How well behaved do you think Megan is?

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6. What do you think happens next in the story? Does Megan ever practise the piano?

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