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### Thinking About the text

1. The (pungi) was a needed noisemaker
2. (A barber) transformed the pungi into shehnai
3. Bismillah Khan's paternal ancestors were (professional musicians)
4. Bismillah Khan learnt to play the shehnai from (Ali Bux)
5. Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to (Afghanistan).

### 2. Bismillah Khan's feelings about :-

1. teaching children music - positive
2. the film world - Negative
3. migrating to U.S.A - Negative
4. playing at temples - Neutral
5. getting the Bharat Ratna - Positive
6. The banks of Ganga - Positive
7. leaving Benaras and Dumraon - Negative

3. 1. Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of the Pungi?

Aurangzeb ~~is~~ banned the playing of the Pungi because it had a shrill and unpleasant sound.

2. How is a shehnai different from a pungi?

A shehnai is a pipe with a natural blow that is longer and broader than a pungi. It has seven holes on the body of the pipe. <sup>hollow</sup>

3. Where was the shehnai played traditionally? How did Bismillah Khan changed this?

The shehnai was played traditionally in the temple at the royal courts and on the occasion of weddings. The credit must go to Bismillah Khan to take this instrument onto the classical stage.

4- when and how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?

Bismillah Khan got his big break with the opening of the All India Radio in Lucknow in 1938

5- When you appreciate something, you

5- Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai of on 15 August, 1947? Why was the event historic

Bismillah Khan played the shehnai on 15 August 1947 at the Red Fort. He was the first Indian to greet the nation with his musical instrument. This event was historic because we got independence on that day. He poured his heart out in the presence of a large no. of people including Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru

6- Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shehnai school in the U.S.A?

He refused to start a shehnai school in the USA because he never wanted to leave India. He loved India so much and he did

not want to settle anywhere except India. That is why whenever he was in a foreign country, he kept yearning to see Hindustan.

Find at least two instances in the text which tell you that Bismillah Khan loves India and Benaras.

Bismillah Khan loves India and Benaras the land of Music. In 1977 from the bottom of his heart he says that he misses the holy Ganga and India. When he goes abroad, while in Mumbai, he thinks of only Benaras and the holy river. And when he is in Benaras, he remembers the unique mattha of Dumraon.

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1. The school sports team hopes to win.
2. We all want to succeed.
3. They advised the hearing-impaired children

mother to take her to a specialist.

4. The authorities permitted us to play.

5. A musician decided to play a new Raaga.

2 1. The home of royal people Royal Residence.

2. The state being alone solitude

3. a part which is absolutely necessary -  
an indispensable component

4. to do something not done before  
Impulse

5. without much effort effortlessly

6. quick and in large quantities thick and fast

3. 1. When something is revived, it (lives again)  
it

2. When a gout bans something, wants it  
(stopped).

- 3- When something is considered auspicious (welcome it)
- 4- When we take something, we find it (interesting)
- 5- When you appreciate something, you (find it good and useful)
- 6- When you replicate something, you do it (for the second time)
- 7- When we come to terms with something, it is (no longer upsetting)

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adjective	only before non	not before noun	both before and after the verb be
indispensable			✓
impressed			after the verb be
outdoor	✓		after verb be
paternal	✓		✓
countless	✓		
priceless			after verb be

Yes they both worked hard. It is a fact that dedication and determination help one in attaining one's long cherished goals. Evelyn Glennie was profoundly deaf. She was not ready to give up. She was determined to lead a normal life and pursue her interest in music. She worked hard and got Royal Philharmonic Society's prestigious Soloist of the year Award in 1991. She accomplished more than most people twice her age.

Ustad Bismillah Khan belongs to a well known society family of musicians from Bihar. He took to music early in life. He gave many memorable performances in India and abroad. He practised hard and reached his destination in 2001. When <sup>he</sup> was awarded India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratra. The other national Awards, like the Padmaashri, the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan were also conferred on him. His life has been a perfect example of the rich, cultural heritage of India.