

## Baby Mozart 苏格兰启发婴儿音乐细胞

*Vocabulary: music 词汇: 音乐*

Every baby born in Scotland in the next year will receive a CD **to inspire** a love of **classical music**.

The **discs** will be distributed to all 220 **register offices** across the country and are expected to reach up to 60,000 families.

The **compilation** titled Astar, **Gaelic** for 'journey', features Scottish songs, **nursery rhymes** and classical works by Tchaikovsky, Debussy and Mozart – himself a **child prodigy**.



The CD was recorded by the Royal Scottish National **Orchestra** (RSNO) and its Junior **Chorus**, led by music director Peter Oundjian.

He said: "When I was an **infant** my **godfather** gave me a tiny **record player**. I have found that the power and beauty of music can truly transform lives."

According to the RSNO, recent studies have shown that listening to music has a positive impact on young children's **cognitive development**.

Some researchers have even suggested that playing music to babies in the womb can be beneficial as it may help build their **neural bridges** along which thoughts travel. The Scottish government doesn't go as far as embracing controversial theories like that, but is hoping that families may become more **in tune** with each other.

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, said: "It will help to give babies the best possible start in life, strengthen the building of **parent-child bonds**, and encourage families to use music to enhance learning in the home."

But some commentators don't **sing from the same hymn sheet** as the authorities and are not sure if it's worth making **a song and dance** about this initiative. Fraser McAlpine, a blogger specialising in music, suggests that Scottish **charity shops** might be full of never-played CDs in the future.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

## Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. How will the CDs be given away?
2. Look at the article. Music by which famous composers will be included in the CD?
3. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *The initiative to give classical CDs to every baby born in Scotland won public acclaim everywhere.*
4. Where might the CDs end up, according to the blogger mentioned in the article?
5. What word in the text means a group of singers who sing together?

## Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Job seekers who learn computer skills are \_\_\_\_ tune with the current requirements of big companies.

on	in	over	about
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2. I miss my auntie. I've kept a book of nursery \_\_\_\_\_ she gave me when I was four years old.

rhythms	beats	rhymes	orchestra
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3. The paintings of the great masters have \_\_\_\_\_ generations of artists.

perspired	inspired	exhaled	aspired
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4. Korean child \_\_\_\_\_ Kim Ung-Yong was able to read in Japanese, Korean, German and English by the age of four.

prodigy	smart	wonder	intelligence
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5. My father and mother hardly ever sing from the same \_\_\_\_\_ sheet. He wants me to study at home every weekend, while she encourages me to go out and enjoy myself.

disc	classical	compilation	hymn
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## Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

### Quiz 小测验

1. How will the CDs be given away? Through 220 register offices across Scotland.
2. Look at the article. Music by which famous composers will be included in the CD? Classical works by Tchaikovsky, Debussy and Mozart.
3. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *The initiative to give classical CDs to every baby born in Scotland won public acclaim everywhere.* False. The article says that some commentators are not sure if it's worth making a song and dance about this initiative.
4. Where might the CDs end up, according to the blogger mentioned in the article? They might end up in Scottish charity shops.
5. What word in the text means a group of singers who sing together? A chorus.

### Exercise 练习

1. Job seekers who learn computer skills are in tune with the current requirements of big companies.
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3. The paintings of the great masters have inspired generations of artists.
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## Glossary 词汇表

<b>to inspire</b>	激发
<b>classical music</b>	古典音乐
<b>a disc</b>	碟片
<b>a register office</b>	注册机构
<b>a compilation</b>	汇编
<b>Gaelic</b>	盖尔语
<b>a nursery rhyme</b>	童谣
<b>a child prodigy</b>	神童
<b>an orchestra</b>	管弦乐队
<b>a chorus</b>	合唱队
<b>an infant</b>	婴儿
<b>a godfather</b>	教父
<b>a record player</b>	留声机
<b>cognitive development</b>	大脑认知的发展
<b>a neural bridge</b>	神经桥梁
<b>in tune</b>	一致
<b>parent-child bond</b>	亲子纽带
<b>to sing from the same hymn sheet</b>	同声同气, 持相同观点
<b>to make a song and dance about (something)</b>	小题大做
<b>a charity shop</b>	慈善店