Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Seviye A2–B1 · Okuma · Yazma

Warm-up

- Can you play a musical instrument?
- Do you listen to classical music? When?

Reading

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born on 27 January 1756 in Salzburg, a city in today's Austria. His father, Leopold, was a musician and a music teacher. Mozart had an older sister, Nannerl, and she was a talented musician, too.

Mozart could play the keyboard when he was very small, and he wrote his first short pieces of music at the age of five. As a child, he travelled around Europe with his family. He gave concerts for kings, queens and rich families, and people couldn't believe their eyes and ears.

In 1781, Mozart moved to Vienna. There, he worked very hard and wrote music for the piano, for orchestras and for the theatre. His operas, like “The Magic Flute” and “The Marriage of Figaro”, are still performed all over the world.

Mozart died in Vienna in 1791, at the age of 35. In his short life, he wrote more than 600 pieces of music.

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
composer	besteci	*Mozart was a famous composer.*
piece of music	müzik eseri, parça	*She played a beautiful piece of music.*
keyboard	klavye (çalgı)	*He plays the keyboard in a band.*
concert	konser	*We went to a concert last night.*

opera	opera	*An opera is a play with singing.*
talented	yetenekli	*She is a talented painter.*
orchestra	orkestra	*The orchestra has fifty musicians.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
could / couldn't (geçmişte yetenek)	He could play the keyboard at the age of four. / I couldn't swim when I was five.
Yaş ifadeleri	at the age of five / when he was five / as a child
Düzensiz fiiller	write → wrote, give → gave, have → had

Discussion

1. Do you think people are born talented, or do they learn by practising?
2. What could you do when you were five?
3. Which famous musician from Türkiye do you like?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. How old was Mozart when he wrote his first pieces of music?

a) Three
b) Five
c) Ten
d) Fifteen

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

2. Mozart _____ play the keyboard when he was very small.

3. He _____ (write) more than 600 pieces of music.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

4. Mozart was born in Vienna. ( )

5. Mozart's sister was also a musician. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

6. Match the years and events.

1. 1756 ( )
2. 1781 ( )
3. 1791 ( )

a) Mozart was born in Salzburg.
b) He moved to Vienna.
c) He died at the age of 35.

Put the parts in the correct order. *(Doğru sıraya koyun.)*

7. Put the words in order.

for / kings / concerts / He / and / gave / queens.

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

8. Write 4–5 sentences: What could you do (and not do) when you were six years old? Use could / couldn't.