


Practice

1 In the following short paragraphs, underline the words or phrases that refer to known information. Start with the second sentence in each paragraph.

- 0 Placido Domingo's new album, *Italia Ti Amo*, contains sixteen Italian songs. Some of them are well-known Italian favourites and others are traditional songs from Naples. This beautiful city in Italy has produced some of the world's greatest songs.
- 1 *Chinese Democracy* is the latest album by music legends Guns N'Roses. The album follows fourteen years in which the band has not made any recordings. It has been a difficult period, the low point of which was the arrest of singer Axl Rose in 2006.
- 2 Folk music is often neglected by critics. Less commercially profitable than other forms of modern music, the music is considered to be of interest only to a minority. However, those who like it are often fanatical about it.

2 Choose the best second sentence, A or B. Which order of information is the clearest?

- 0 We moved to northern Alaska four years ago.
 (A) Life there was much more difficult than it had been back home.
 B Life back home wasn't as difficult as it was there.
- 1 Nobody likes our awful new boss.
 A Something which can be very annoying is his unfriendly attitude.
 B His unfriendly attitude can be very annoying.
- 2 One of the greatest pictures in the Prado museum is 'The Third of May 1808'.
 A Painted by Francisco Goya in 1814, it shows the true horrors of war.
 B Francisco Goya painted it in 1814 and it shows the true horrors of war.
- 3 Beyoncé Knowles was a member of Destiny's Child until 2005.
 A To pursue a solo career was her reason for leaving the group.
 B She left the group in order to pursue a solo career.

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Rewrite the underlined sentences so that the known information is at the beginning of the sentence. Use the words in brackets.  5.21 Listen and check.

The Salzburg Festival

The Salzburg Festival is the world's greatest summer festival of classical music. Every summer for five weeks beginning in late July is when it takes place. (0) (It ...)

It takes place every summer for five weeks beginning in late July.

The Festival is held in Salzburg, Austria. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in the town.

(1) (The town ... birthplace of ...)

The picturesque town features several beautiful concert venues. Opened in 1926, the most important venue is the Festival Hall. (2) (The most ..., which)

The festival was started by a group of professional musicians in 1877. The famous Austrian composer Richard Strauss was one of the founders. (3) (One of ...)

Since its earliest days the festival has concentrated on the works of Mozart. It put on all twenty-two Mozart operas in 2006 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of his birth. (4) (To celebrate ...)