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Famous film music writer Hans Zimmer is **reported** to have asked for his partner's hand in **marriage** during a recent **performance**. Towards the end of a two-night run of shows in London, Zimmer invited his partner, businesswoman Dina De Luca, on stage and asked her to **marry** him. Zimmer wrote the music to the 1994 movie *The Lion King*, which he is best known for. Zimmer and his **orchestra** performed his **scores** from movies new and old, such as *Dune*, *The Dark Knight*, and *Gladiator*. There was more **excitement** in store for the audience when Zimmer **requested** De Luca to come up on stage briefly. He said, "I was going to ask you something really important", before asking, "Did you **lock** the back door? Is the milk in the fridge?" Finally he **managed** to ask, "Will you marry me?" There was **screaming** and clapping from the crowd as the newly **engaged couple hugged**. Before continuing the concert, Zimmer jokingly **confirmed**, "The back door's **locked**. Everything's good". The show also **starred** players from the Ukrainian group Odessa Opera Orchestra. Zimmer announced that the **musicians** were enormously **brave** to **handle** playing live while they, "do not know what's going on at home and everything is going on at home".

Q1. _____

List what kinds of jobs there are in the movie industry.

Write a two-word subtitle for your favourite film. Each word has to start with the same letter.

Q2. _____

Which bolded words in the text mean:

1. musical group
2. deal with
3. show
4. fun
5. loud shouting
6. described
7. held each other
8. strong
9. shut
10. two people

Q3. _____

"were *enormously* brave to handle playing live"

What does the italicised word above mean: *extremely - largely - easily*?

Q4. _____

Comprehension questions:

1. Hans Zimmer asked for what on stage?
2. What was played at the concert?
3. What did he ask before the big question?
4. What did Zimmer and De Luca do after the question?
5. Who joined Hans Zimmer's orchestra?

Q5. _____

Link the five synonym pairs:

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| 1. perform | A. feature |
| 2. star | B. film music |
| 3. request | C. play |
| 4. score | D. ask |
| 5. brief | E. quick |

Q6. _____

Spell the words correctly:

1. r a r y m
2. i e m c e t x t n e
3. a g m d n e a
4. t r e a r s d
5. p e r e r d t o

Q7. _____

Discussion questions / Writing practice:

Where is a good place to ask someone to marry you?

Why do movies rarely show characters doing everyday chores?

Do you prefer newer or older films?

What personal qualities are needed to play music or make a presentation in front of a large audience?

Q8. _____

15 B1 lesson keywords: underlined in text.