Learn English: Music Genres and Cleft Sentences

Reading Comprehension

I still remember the first time I heard the sound of the piano. I was four years old, and my grandfather, who was a pianist, played beautiful melodies whenever he came to visit us. My parents wanted me to follow in his footsteps, so they signed me up for piano lessons when I was five years old.

My piano teacher, who could also play various other instruments, taught me the theory of music. I remember being disappointed that I didn't get to play the piano immediately. To this day, I am thankful my teacher began with theory. Music is like a language, and learning to read music taught me how to use it and expand my musical vocabulary. After learning about many composers and chords, it was time to play.

My teacher would always play the music first as an example. It was the way her fingers moved over the keys so effortlessly that inspired me to practice for hours each day. Her style differed from anything I had ever heard before, and I realized how versatile the piano could be. What started as the classical instrument I knew and loved had suddenly evolved into something that could play any tune from soothing to sentimental, aggressive to upbeat.

It was at that moment that I knew: I wanted to be a musician!

Many years have passed, and after countless hours of practice, sacrifices, failures, and more practice, I can proudly say that I am a passionate musician who still finds deep satisfaction in playing the piano. More importantly, I am thankful to my music teacher, who broadened my musical horizons and taught me how one instrument could produce an endless array of sounds.