
UNIT 10



1. PRE-READING

Look at the picture.

- What are the women doing?
- Are the women doing anything unusual?

Margaret Patrick . . . Meet Ruth Eisenberg

RUTH Eisenberg and Margaret Patrick play the piano. They give concerts in the United States and in Canada, and they are often on TV. They are famous.

Why are these women famous? They play the piano well, but they are not famous because they play well. They are famous because Mrs. Eisenberg plays the piano with only her right hand, and Mrs. Patrick plays the piano with only her left hand. They sit next to each other and play the piano together. Mrs. Eisenberg plays one part of the music, and Mrs. Patrick plays the other part.

Both Mrs. Eisenberg and Mrs. Patrick love the piano. Mrs. Patrick was a piano teacher. She taught hundreds of students. She taught her own children, too. Then, when she was 69 years old, Mrs. Patrick had a stroke. She couldn't move or speak. Gradually she got better, but her right side was still very weak. She couldn't play the piano anymore. She was very sad.

Playing the piano was Mrs. Eisenberg's hobby. She often played five or six hours a day. Then, when she was 80 years old, she, too, had a stroke. She couldn't move the left side of her body. She couldn't play the piano anymore. She was very sad.

A few months after her stroke, Mrs. Eisenberg went to a senior citizens' center. A few weeks later,

Mrs. Patrick went to the same center. The director was showing her around the center when Mrs. Patrick saw a piano. She looked sadly at the piano. "Is anything wrong?" the director asked. "No," Mrs. Patrick answered. "The piano brings back my memories. Before my stroke, I played the piano. The director looked at Mrs. Patrick's weak right hand and said, "Wait here. I'll be right back." A few minutes later, the director came back with Mrs. Eisenberg. "Margaret Patrick," the director said, "meet Ruth Eisenberg. Before her stroke, she played the piano, too. She has a good right hand, and you have a good left hand. I think you two can do something wonderful together."

"Do you know Chopin's Waltz in D flat?" Mrs. Eisenberg asked Mrs. Patrick. "Yes," Mrs. Patrick answered. The two women sat down at the piano and began to play. Mrs. Eisenberg used only her right hand, and Mrs. Patrick used only her left hand. The music sounded good. The women discovered that they loved the same music. Together they began to play the music they loved. They were no longer sad anymore.

Mrs. Patrick said, "Sometimes God closes a door and then opens a window. I lost my music, but I found Ruth. Now I have my music again. I have my friend Ruth, too."

2. VOCABULARY

Which words have the same meaning as the words in the story? Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- Mrs. Patrick had a *stroke*. She couldn't move or speak.
 - a serious sickness
 - an idea
- She got better, but her right side was still *weak*. She couldn't play the piano anymore.
 - cold
 - not strong
- Playing the piano was Mrs. Eisenberg's *hobby*.
 - something she did for money
 - something she did in her free time
- Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Eisenberg *give concerts*.
 - play the piano, and people listen
 - speak, and people take pictures

3. COMPREHENSION

FINDING INFORMATION

Read the questions. Find the answers in the story. Write the answer

1. Do Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Eisenberg play the piano or the violin?

They play the piano.

2. Are they famous because they play well or because they play with one hand?

3. Was Mrs. Patrick a piano teacher or a math teacher?

4. Was playing the piano Mrs. Eisenberg's job or hobby?

5. Did the women meet at a restaurant or at a senior citizens' center?

6. Do the women love the same music or the same books?

MAKING INFERENCES

Read the sentences below. Some of the sentences are true, and some are false. If a sentence is true, circle T. If a sentence is false, circle F. Which sentence from the story helped you? Copy the sentence.

1. Mrs. Eisenberg and Mrs. Patrick never travel. T **F** They give concerts in the United States and in Canada.

2. Mrs. Patrick's children can play the piano. T F _____

3. Only young people have strokes. T F _____

4. Mrs. Patrick loves the music of Beethoven, but Mrs. Eisenberg doesn't. T F _____

