

Read the text about **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** . Decide which of the four words best fits each space. Write the correct word into the space provided.

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Mozart was incredibly productive, composing a vast **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_ of music. However, some contemporaries resented his talent, and later in life, he stopped performing publicly, and **(12)** \_\_\_\_\_ money through teaching and help from friends. Because he died at just 35, he never achieved **(13)** \_\_\_\_\_ during his lifetime. Today, nearly 250 years later, his music generates millions of dollars annually through recordings.

<b>1</b>	gift	talent	able	know-how
<b>2</b>	composed	built	constructed	consisted
<b>3</b>	popular	national	civil	public
<b>4</b>	to perform	perform	performing	performed
<b>5</b>	remarkable	important	marked	surprising
<b>6</b>	sorry	depressed	happy	unhappy
<b>7</b>	attitude	wishes	feelings	aims
<b>8</b>	poverty	poorer	poor	poorly
<b>9</b>	In spite	Despite	Nevertheless	While
<b>10</b>	fought	coped	struggled	conflicted
<b>11</b>	amount	number	size	extent
<b>12</b>	scored	gained	collected	earned
<b>13</b>	revenue	cash	wealth	money

# KEY

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