

WORDS TO KNOW

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Amazing Artists

The artists in this story are amazing for a very special reason. Some
 were artists, some writers, and some musicians. Not so amazing? They
 were all children!

In 1933, a young lady named Margaret Heifetz conducted the
 Moscow Orchestra in Russia. Margaret was 9 years old.

Alfred Cohen had his art on display. Many people read about it in
 the newspaper. They came to see his work. He had 40 paintings on
 display. Alfred was only 8 years old.

William Marsh, at age 11, wrote and had published the story of the
 life of President Herbert Hoover.

Philippa Schuyler was a very talented young lady. At the age of 2½
 she could spell 550 words. One of those words was rhinoceros! She loved
 music. At age 6 she wrote a piece called "Cockroach Ballet." When she
 was 13 she played the piano with a 100-piece symphony orchestra as
 they played the music she had written.

Jimmy Boyd was only 12 when he made the hit record, "I Saw
 Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." He earned \$100,000 from that one song.

A book titled *How the World Began* was published in 1964. Its
 author, Dorothy Straight, was only 4 years old!

A 12 year old, Janet Lessing, had her paintings on display in a Los
 Angeles art gallery. They sold for \$50 and \$100. What made Janet even
 more amazing was that she was almost blind. Because she didn't see well
 she often created worlds in her imagination. She could see just fine there!

Shirley Temple, the famous child movie star, began making movies

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278 when she was 7 years old. She was getting 5,000 letters a week from people who loved her movies.
 282 We all have heard of Louis Braille, who invented an alphabet for the blind. He had been blind since he was 3, and he was only 15 years old when he finished his special alphabet to help others.
 320 All these amazing young people have given something special for others
 331 to share.
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| WORDS READ | TIME | WORDS PER MINUTE |
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1. Who wrote the life story of a president?

2. What was the name of Miss Schuyler's ballet?

3. What song earned a lot of money for a 12-year-old?

4. What made artist Janet Lessing even more amazing?

5. How old was Louis Braille when he lost his sight?

6. Do you have a special talent?
