

## Conclusions

Directions: Read the paragraph and circle the paragraph that is the best concluding sentence.

When Beethoven was about thirty years old, at what seemed to be the height of his musical career, something unexpected started to happen to him; he began to lose his sense of hearing. This may seem like the worst thing that could befall a talented musician like Beethoven but he was not disheartened. He continued to use his talents to write beautiful music even as his hearing continued to get worse and worse. Eventually he could not hear at all but not even deafness could stop him from pursuing his calling. Even when he could no longer hear Beethoven wrote and played, imagining the music in his head.

1. Beethoven was in poor health for the last few months of his life and died in 1827.
2. In conclusion, Beethoven never gave up sharing his wonderful gift with the world and that is why, to this day, we have so much of his music to enjoy!
3. His full name was Ludwig Van Beethoven and he was born in Bonn on the River Rhine.
4. The composer was shy and quiet in school and never liked to join into the games that the other children were playing.