

# Stories for Lipreading

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## [On A Roll by Gill Rogers - Setting the Scene](#)

The author tells the story of her friend, Mary, a professional violinist, who supplements her income in various ways, including playing the music for TV adverts. Playing in the recording session for one advertisement brings an unusual bonus.

### Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

London orchestra  
'Make it big'  
Very rare  
Earn very little  
Teaching  
Pubs and clubs  
Signed on with a musicians' agency  
Short notice  
Bands  
Usually because of illness  
Happened  
Bank balance  
One day in December  
Get to a nearby recording studio  
Evening's concert at the Royal Albert Hall  
Not having a clue  
The perks  
Usually got free samples  
Luxurious  
Dog flea treatment or anti-odour insoles  
Name, address and bank details  
Appear greedy  
Packs of nine  
The day  
Banter about  
Heading out to her concert  
Delivery  
Knock at her door  
Lorry  
'Sign here, please'  
Rooted to the spot  
Five samples