The Show

Le Anne had a special gift. Ever since she was a little girl, she had played the piano. She had been in many contests and won many awards. Every day Le Anne came home from school and played away at the piano. It was a lot of work, but Le Anne loved to practice.

One day her teacher, Mr. Morgan, had a big surprise. “I want you to play the piano at a special concert,” he said. “People from all over the world will be at the concert.”

At school Le Anne told her friends the good news. “What about the school play?” Sarah asked. “You won’t have time to practice and be in the play, too.” For the first time, a grumble started inside Le Anne.

Le Anne didn’t play the piano after school. She told her mother, “I’m never playing the piano again."

The next day she asked her teacher about the school play. “I’m sorry,” Ms. Rodriguez said. “There are no parts left.” It doesn’t matter, she thought in her stubborn way. I will never play the piano again.

On Friday night everyone was waiting for the play to begin. Ms. Rodriguez walked to the front of the stage. “I’m sorry. We can’t perform for you tonight. Mr. Silvano is sick and can’t play the piano for us.”

Le Anne talked to Ms. Rodriguez. Then she studied the piano music. Soon Le Anne was ready to play again. The sound exploded from her fingers. After the show, everyone cheered. Le Anne was proud of her special gift!
Answer the questions. You may reread parts of the passage to help you.

1. What did Le Anne love to do?
   - be on stage
   - act in plays
   - enter contests
   - play the piano

2. What was Mr. Morgan’s surprise for Le Anne?
   - a part in the play
   - a special concert
   - a free lesson
   - a new piano

3. Read this excerpt from the story.

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   Which word is a clue to the meaning of the word parts as used in the excerpt above?
   - left
   - play
   - school
   - teacher

4. Why did Le Anne play the piano at the school play?
   - The school paid her.
   - The piano player was sick.
   - She wanted to show off her talent.
   - Her friends asked her to play the piano.

5. Why did Le Anne decide to never play the piano again? Use details from the passage to support your answer. Write your response on another sheet of paper.