

Expressing Ideas More Clearly Answer Key

1. **Marcus wanted to learn to play the guitar because he was inspired by his sister, who played in concerts.**
2. **He struggled at first because his fingers hurt and he couldn't remember the chords.**
3. **Marcus stayed motivated by setting small goals, like learning one song each week.**
4. **It was important because it showed how much progress he had made and gave him a chance to surprise his family.**
5. **A lesson from Marcus's experience is that if you work hard and don't give up, you can achieve your goals, even if it's difficult at first.**

✓ *Look for:*

- Clear and full explanations
- Text-based support
- Logical organization of ideas
- Evidence of reflection in questions 4 and 5