RW question 6

In recommending Bao Phi's collection Song I Sing, a librarian noted that pieces by the spoken-word poet don't lose their _____ nature when printed: the language has the same pleasant musical quality on the page as it does when performed by Phi.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) jarring
- B) scholarly
- C) melodic
- D) personal

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Key Explanation: Choice C is the best answer. "Melodic," referring to a pleasant arrangement of sounds, effectively signals the later use in the passage of "pleasant musical quality" to refer to Phi's spoken word poetry when read rather than heard.

Distractor Explanations: Choice A is incorrect because jarring," meaning disagreeable or upsetting, suggests the opposite of what the passage says about the "pleasant musical quality" of Phi's spoken-word poetry, whether read or heard. **Choice B** is incorrect because "scholarly" does not effectively signal the later use in the passage of "pleasant musical quality" to refer to Phi's spoken-word poetry. **Choice D** is incorrect because "personal" does not effectively signal the later use in the passage of "pleasant musical quality" to refer to Phi's spoken-word poetry.