

Ex. 1: Read the passage, then answer the questions

The British spend their free time in different ways. People generally use it to relax, but many people also do voluntary work, especially for charities.

A lot of free time is spent in the home, where the most popular leisure activity is watching television, the average viewing time being 25 hours per week. Reading is also a favourite way of spending leisure time. The British spend a lot of time reading newspapers and magazines. In the summer gardening is popular, and in winter it is often replaced by 'do-it-yourself', when people spend time improving or repairing their homes.

Some leisure activities are mostly or entirely social. Inviting friends for a drink or a meal at home is the most usual one. Sometimes people join friends for a drink in a pub, or have dinner in a restaurant.

The extra time available at weekends means that some leisure activities, many of them to do with sport, normally take place only then. Traditional spectator sports include football, cricket, horse racing, motor racing and motorcycle racing. Popular forms of exercise are swimming, tennis, ice skating or roller-skating, cycling, climbing, and hill or country walking.

Families often have a 'day out' at the weekend, especially in summer, with a visit to a local event such as a festival, fair or show. Young people especially go to clubs and discos, while people of all ages go to the theatre, the cinema, art exhibitions and concerts.

Answer the questions.

1. What's the most popular free time activity in the UK?

2. How many hours a week do the British watch TV?

3. In winter, what do the British often do in their spare time?

4. Which sports do many British people enjoy watching?

Ex. 2: Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

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Origami is the Japanese word for paper (1)_____. ORI means to fold and KAMI means paper. (2)_____, they form the word, "origami." It is an art form that has been handed down from parent to child (3)_____ many generations. Origami involves the creation of paper forms usually entirely (4)_____ folding. Animals, birds, fish, geometric shapes, puppets, toys and masks are among the (5)_____ that even very young children can learn to make in just one sitting.

In Japan, at one time origami was (6)_____ in schools but today, children are generally taught origami at home. Holidays are celebrated with colorful (7)_____ decorations made by the family. On children's day (formerly boy's day), children make colorful carp: a fish that swims (8)_____, against the current. This symbolizes strength.