



Spotlight 8

Reading Task 8805

Read the text. Match the sentences to the paragraphs A-E. One sentence is extra.

Things We Enjoy Doing

1. This sport makes me feel self-confident in life.
2. One day I'd like to play with an orchestra.
3. I love risky sports.
4. My favourite station broadcasts 24 hours a day.
5. I think this is just the hobby for a communicable person like me.
6. As for my favourite author, I'm not sure at the moment.

A group of international students write about the things they enjoy doing in their free time.

- A.** Listening to the radio is a lot of fun for me. Whenever I can, I turn on my radio to listen to news or music. I like to listen to a lot of information, especially the weather reports because it is very useful for me to know the weather to choose my clothes and shoes every day. I also enjoy listening to music because it relaxes me and makes me feel good. I like popular music the most. I like to listen to the talk of the DJs. They are funny. I sometimes laugh at the way they talk. By listening to the radio, I learn which songs are popular, and then I sometimes go to the music shops to buy CDs with those songs.
- B.** Playing the piano is the most important thing in my life. Whenever I have free time, I enjoy playing. I love the sound of this instrument. It relaxes and encourages me. I have been playing for twelve years. At the beginning, I hated it because I couldn't play well, but now it's my biggest pleasure. I usually practise for three hours. I like Chopin and especially "Fantasy Improvisation", but this music is difficult to play well, so I will have to continue practicing. I want to be able to perform skillfully in front of the people one day. I often go to concerts. It is always exciting to see musicians get standing ovations when their performances are finished.
- C.** Reading books is one of my favourite activities. I don't know how I came to like reading actually, but I had a habit of reading picture books in my childhood and I came to enjoy reading naturally. Usually I read a book in Japanese not only because Japanese is my mother tongue but also because I like the feeling and sounds of the Japanese language. Reading books is fun and gives me a lot of satisfaction. There are many kinds of stories and I'll never lose interest in reading. We can also learn so many things from books. I love reading because it takes you to a fascinating world.
- D.** Playing tennis is a very good hobby. First of all, it's good exercise. Until I started playing tennis two years ago, I didn't exercise at all, but now I do a lot. Sometimes when I have free time, I play tennis over twelve hours a day. I go to the university at seven in the morning and play until dark. I get very tired, but it is good for my health. Playing tennis has also improved my social life. I joined a tennis club where I met lots of people, and I was able to form good relationships with them. Some of these people were over 60 years old, so I think it's also a good way to create bonds between different generations.
- E.** Using email and the Internet is something I like doing every day because I can keep in touch with my family and many friends whenever I am away from them and can't see them. Sometimes they send me emails with funny pictures. I enjoy getting emails because then I know what is happening when I'm not there. Usually, I spend three to four hours writing messages and surfing the Internet. I am also interested in getting news and knowing what is happening in the world. I can get news about politics and other things. That's why I really like using email and the Internet.

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