

1 Read the internet blog and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Making the most of retirement

Harry

I was a news journalist until I was 60. I wanted to retire and have more time with my wife. Sadly, she died five years ago and now I'm alone in the house. Our son, Jamie, is a teacher in Morocco and last year I went there for a holiday. I travelled to lots of countries when I worked, but this was my first trip to North Africa. I really want to go back. I'd like to travel into the Sahara and take photographs of the people and animals that live there, but I need to learn a bit of Arabic first.

Annette

Nine months ago I retired from my job as a French teacher, sold my flat in London, and moved to a small village. It's incredibly quiet after London, but my life is much busier now. I'm decorating my new house and I'm learning to drive – I never needed a car in London. I spend a lot of time in my garden, too. I enjoy working in it and I'm planning to grow vegetables next year and I also want to get some chickens. There are sometimes problems, but luckily, my neighbours are really friendly.

Megan

Yesterday was my last day at work and now I can do what I want. After forty years as a cook, I need to lose a few kilos, so I'm going to learn to play golf. I'm planning to do a computer course at the local college. It's a good way to learn about computers and meet new people, and I'd like to make some new friends. I'd also like to get a new computer so I can chat with my grandchildren on the internet every day – they live in Dubai and I don't see them very often.

Example: Harry worked in television until he retired.

A True ☐ B False ☒ C Doesn't say ☐

- 1 Harry was sixty when his wife died.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 2 He lives with his son.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 3 He made his first trip to North Africa last year.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 4 Annette retired when she was sixty-five.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 5 She moved house after she retired.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 6 She passed her driving test in London.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 7 Megan hopes to lose weight.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 8 She phones her family in Dubai every day.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 9 She has a new computer.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 Read the text again and write *Harry, Annette, or Megan*.

Example: Annette likes gardening.

- 1 _____ is a grandparent.
- 2 _____ would like to grow his / her own food.
- 3 _____ wants to learn a new sport.
- 4 _____ has nice neighbours.
- 5 _____ wants to do some more travelling.
- 6 _____ needs to learn a foreign language.