Lesson D

Hobby groups

1 Two popular hobbies

Reading

A Read the article. Check (✓) the pictures that the article describes.



Young People's Hobbies

There are many hobbies and hobby sites on the Internet. Camping and chess sites are two of them. Although these two hobbies are very different, they have one thing in common: both are very popular with young people. Why?

One reason camping is so popular is because it's cheap. There are campgrounds around the world, and they're all different. Some have indoor swimming pools, restaurants, and game rooms. Others don't even have water! But the areas near campgrounds are almost always beautiful.

Camping is relaxing. Campers can get up early in the morning and cook breakfast with their friends or family. They can spend the day swimming, fishing, going hiking in the mountains, looking at wildlife, or just sitting in the sun. There's usually no noise, no traffic, and no stress. Campers usually sleep very well at night.

And what about chess? It's cool now, but in the past not many young people played the game. A lot of young people got interested in learning chess when they saw it in the first *Harry Potter* movie. And many celebrities enjoy playing chess. Bono, Moby, and Sting are all good at playing the game. Young people often follow what celebrities do, even if it's chess!

More and more schoolchildren are learning the game. Many schools have chess clubs, and there are national competitions every year. And people can play chess on computers, too. That means a person can compete against a computer, or can even play against another person on the Internet somewhere else in the world. You can play chess anywhere – even when you're camping!

B Read the article again. Then write *T* (true) or *F* (false) for each sentence. Correct the false sentences.

1. Camping and chess have nothing in common. F They have one thing in common.
2. Camping is popular because it's cheap and stress-free. ____
3. Campers hardly ever sleep well at night. ____
4. Many young people played chess in the past. ____
5. The first *Harry Potter* movie helped make camping popular. ____
6. Many schools now have chess clubs. ____
7. You can go camping on the Internet. ____

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