1.1 Vocabulary

Free time and routines • collocations

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box. You can use the verbs more than once.

[go (x2) have listen play read watch]

0 I go to school five days a week.
1 Tim and I _____ games on our phones before school starts.
2 You _____ a lot of music. Is this a good CD?
3 My mum and dad _____ an old film every Friday.
4 We _____ four books a year in English.
5 My friends _____ newspapers on their computers.
6 Jill: Are you alone?
Jim: Yes, my parents _____ to work on Saturdays.
7 We _____ an English test every Monday morning.
8 Jack's aunt and uncle _____ to the radio all the time.

WORD STORE 1A

Collocations – *have, go* and *play*

2 Complete the texts with *have, go* or *play*.

3 Complete the sentences with *go, have* or *play* and the words from the box.

[bath breakfast concerts chess cinema ~~fun~~ out party piano youth club]

0 My friends and I always have fun when we go out.
1 I love music but I don't often [a]_____ to [b]_____ because bands don't come to my town.
2 On school days, I have a shower but on Saturdays and Sundays I [a]_____ a nice, long, relaxing [b]_____.
3 Lisa and Mark [a]_____ to the [b]_____ every Friday. They love watching films together.
4 Mick can [a]_____ the [b]_____. He goes to lessons at the local music school.
5 I sometimes [a]_____ [b]_____ with my grandfather but I never win. He always takes my queen quickly!
6 We always [a]_____ [b]_____ before we go to school. We have bread, jam and a cup of tea.
7 It's my friend's birthday tomorrow but I can't [a]_____ to her [b]_____ because it's my mum's birthday on the same day.
8 My brother wants to [a]_____ to the local [b]_____ with me but he's only 12 and it's for 14–19 year olds.
9 Where do you usually meet when you [a]_____ [b]_____ with your friends?

WORD STORE 1A

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Your free time

What do you do?

Nikki, aged 16

I [0]go to the park with my friends. We [1]_____ the guitar there. Sometimes, we [2]_____ a picnic. We always [3]_____ a good time. Mick and Sam [4]_____ the drums – African drums. They're really cool but some people in the park don't like them!

Molly, aged 16

I [5]_____ shopping on Saturdays. I [6]_____ lunch in a restaurant in the shopping centre.

Bruce, aged 17

I don't have much free time. I don't [7]_____ breakfast in the morning. I don't have time – but I [8]_____ a shower! On Sundays, I [9]_____ snooker. It's a great game. I don't [10]_____ computer games. I [11]_____ to bed early. I'm always tired and sleepy.

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WORD STORE 1B

Verb + noun collocations

4 Choose the correct verbs.

Free time survey

Your name: Mark
Your age: 17

How do you spend your free time?

1	*read / watch / visit* books	a lot
2	*spend / visit / write* friends	a lot
3	*read / watch / write* films	sometimes
4	*watch / write / read* magazines	sometimes
5	*read / spend / watch* the TV / the telly	a lot
6	*visit / spend / watch* time alone	sometimes
7	*watch / write / visit* a blog	never
8	*spend / watch / read* DVDs	a lot

REMEMBER BETTER

It's easier to remember verb + noun collocations if you use them in sentences about your or your friends' lives.

5 Write your own sentences with each collocation.

I read emails from my friends every day.
music blogs

I watch programmes about cooking at weekends.
Quentin Tarantino films

I go to my friend's house every afternoon.
school with my friend

I have a shower in the evening.
breakfast at school

WORD STORE 1C

Verb + preposition collocations

6 Choose the correct words.

Marta: Hi, Jon. Thanks for agreeing to answer my questions for my English project. So, tell me about your free time.

Jon: Well, I spend a lot of time [1]*in / on / at* school but that isn't free time! After school, I go [2] *to / – / at* home and I stay [3]*in / at / on* home all evening. I spend time [4]*at / in / on* my room. I do my homework and listen [5]*at / with / to* music. My parents come [6]*– / to / in* home late so I can listen to music they don't like!

Marta: And at the weekend?

Jon: Sometimes I go [7]*about / out / away* with my friends. We go [8]*on / for / out* a walk or to a café. We talk [9]*about / on / for* films or music. I am never [10]*in / to / at* home on Saturdays! On Sundays, I spend my time [11]*for / to / with* my grandparents – [12]*on / in / at* my grandparents' house. Oh, and I study English! That's it, I think.

Marta: OK. Thanks.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

8 Choose the correct options A, B or C.

1 My sister and I ___ a film together every Friday.
A play B watch C have

2 My brother and his friends ___ party every week.
A go to a B go to the C go to

3 My mum and dad always go to ___ on Sunday morning.
A shopping B the park C out

4 See you later. Have a ___.
A fun B supper C good time

5 Can you play the ___?
A piano B chess C snooker

6 I go out ___ my friends a lot.
A for B to C with

7 We often talk ___ school when we meet.
A about B with C to

8 We can go to the park and have a ___.
A fun B picnic C lunch

9 You can't ___ out this evening. You have homework to do.
A have B go C play

10 Steve isn't here. He and his girlfriend always go ___ a walk on Saturday afternoon.
A for B to C in

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