

**LISTENING: 21st CENTURY HOBBIES****Skill** listening for the main idea

It is important to understand the main idea when someone is speaking.

- Think about who is speaking and what he/she is talking about.
- Don't worry if you don't understand all the words.
- Remember that speakers often talk about the main ideas more than once.

**1** 1.8 Read the Skill box. Watch or listen to the beginning of a webshow called *Learning Curve* and check (✓) the main idea.

1 People have less time for socializing today.

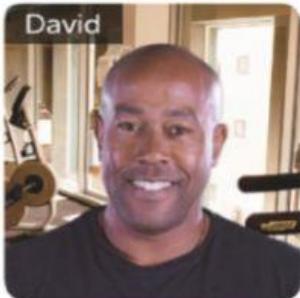
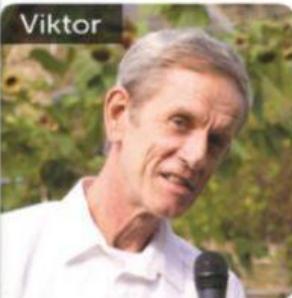
2 Many popular hobbies are now online.

3 Old hobbies are becoming popular again.

**2** 1.8 Watch or listen again. Complete the chart with the online activities Kate mentions.

Traditional activity	Online activity	
play team sports		
take cooking classes		
go to a shopping center		
go out to meet new people		

**3** 1.9 Watch or listen to the second part of the show. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences about the main ideas.



1 Viktor ...

a plays chess a lot.      b does lots of activities online.      c meets up with friends every day.

2 David ...

a likes computers.      b exercises at home.      c prefers exercising at the gym.

3 Suzie ...

a downloads lots of music.      b prefers to relax at home.      c does her hobby with other people.

4 Rebecca ...

a does lots of activities online.      b doesn't like meeting new people.      c spends lots of time with her family.

**4**

1.9 Watch or listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 Viktor plays chess with friends every day. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 David goes to the gym five times a week or more. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Suzie loves music from the 1980s. \_\_\_\_\_

4 Rebecca makes videos of her cat. \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Kate only likes traditional hobbies, like rock climbing. \_\_\_\_\_

***The End***