

Learning for fun

Meet three women who enjoy taking classes in their free time.

Paula

I work full time as a nurse, and don't have much time for hobbies, but I've been interested in photography since I was a child. On my last holiday to India, I took lots of pictures, and everyone I showed them to said they were great. So I decided to do a course. At first, I was afraid I might not be good enough. After all, it was my first time as a student for ten years! But I loved it from the very first lesson.

Sally

When I was still at school, I started learning the violin. It was fun and I was quite good at it, but I didn't do it for long, because I had so many other hobbies. Then last year, I was having a hard time in my job, and my husband bought me a violin as a present. I started learning with a teacher again. All three of my children are learning to play instruments too, so now we can practise with each other!

Kim

Last year I moved to a new city because of my job. I didn't have anything to do in the evenings, so one of my colleagues said I should try a class at the local college. I immediately thought of cooking. My mum was a fantastic cook, and when I was a child I loved watching her in the kitchen, but I never learned how to cook myself. The other students on the course are around my age, and sometimes we go to restaurants together, or even the cinema.

- 1 Who does her hobby with people in her family?
A Paula B Sally C Kim
- 2 Who started classes after getting some good advice?
A Paula B Sally C Kim
- 3 Who began her hobby after feeling unhappy at work?
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- 4 Who did her hobby for a long time before starting classes?
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- 5 Who has made new friends at her classes?
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- 6 Who felt worried before starting her classes?
A Paula B Sally C Kim
- 7 Who first had classes in her hobby as a child?
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