

READING

Sport changes lives

Exercise 1

Read the three texts. Mark the correct answer (A-D).

1) For some reason, I was never thrilled by the hobbies family and friends attempted to interest me in. When I was younger, mum and sisters tried to get me into scrapbooking, but I failed to see the point. friends' passion for skateboarding and martial arts like karate didn't catch interest either. dad tried to get me involved in his body, model planes, but I didn't have the patience for it. Then mum and I started chatting with a neighbour who grew rare plants. One tour of her greenhouse, and I was hooked. Of course friends were very surprised – and still are – but I am sure that plants will be a lifelong passion.

The writer suggests that

- a his friends don't understand his hobby.
- b he and his mother share the same interests.
- c he used to be interested in skateboarding.
- d he is keen on making things at home.

2) Hobby-related holidays are on the way to becoming one of the most lucrative forms of tourism, and younger people are definitely joining in. Of course, sports-related camps have been a huge part of tourism for ages, but what if you're someone with little interest in tennis or basketball? A good option for you might be a two-week photography tour – with stunning scenery, ancient buildings and sometimes even underwater photography. Alternatively, if you are interested in nature, you can spend two weeks in an exotic location helping to identify rare plants and animals – while soaking up some sun and meeting like-minded people.

What does the writer say about hobby-related holidays?

- a They have existed for a long time.
- b They are mainly sports-related.
- c They are usually for young people.
- d They are popular and varied.

3) Mappletown school hobby day

Think you're too busy studying to make time for a hobby? Haven't found a hobby that interests you, but want to explore some possibilities?

Then come to Mapleton School's annual Hobby Day! Students and teachers will give presentations and lead hands-on workshops. Everything from collecting and crafting to photography and landscape painting will be covered. Come with an open mind, and there's a good chance you'll find an interest to last a lifetime! Saturday, 3 March from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the text is to

- a help people find time for a hobby.
- b encourage people to participate in an event.
- c list hobbies that students might enjoy.
- d remind people why it's good to have hobbies.

Exercise 2

Complete the prepositions in the sentences.

- 1) We drove a____ o____r town looking for a chemist's that was open.
- 2) There are trees a____ a____g the road that goes to our school.
- 3) There's a post office b_____e the church in Kings Road.
- 4) Snow fell a____s Britain last night, and temperatures were well b____w zero.
- 5) Let's go to the café b_____ the river.