

1 Vocabulary

Match the pictures with the phrases. Then listen and check your answers. Do you do any of the following in your free time?



- a. write a poem/story
- b. make a video
- c. have a dance lesson
- d. play a musical instrument

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2 Read

A. Listen and read. Have you ever tried the activities mentioned in the text?

Express *your creativity*



IRIS, 16

A

I've combined my two favourite hobbies: making jewellery and making videos. For three years, I've been making videos that show people how to make earrings, bracelets and other pieces of jewellery – all of them one of a kind. I post the videos online. I'm responsible for the sound and cameras as well as writing the script and 'directing' the video. I'm not complaining, though, because I learn something new every day! The best part is getting comments that say how helpful my videos are.



TREVOR, 15

B

Art has always helped me to express my feelings, and I've been drawing since I was very young. A few years ago, my parents gave me a drawing tablet as a gift. In the beginning, drawing on it wasn't very easy, because it's different from drawing on a piece of paper. To begin with, you have to look at your computer screen while you draw, instead of the tablet. Now I've learnt how to use it, and I really enjoy it. I sometimes post my work online, and I love it when I see other people sharing it.



LIBBY, 15

C

I spend a lot of my free time writing short stories. A few years ago, I started a blog and since then I've been sharing my stories with some relatives and close friends. I didn't think anybody would actually read them, but I was wrong. Now I've got about 100 followers! When I upload a new story, they comment on it and tell me what they think of it. You see, I'm quite shy, but this has made me more confident about myself and my writing.

**B. Read the texts A-C and answer the questions.
Write A, B or C.**

Who mentions...

- ? 1. that he/she didn't expect others to notice his/her work at first? ☐
- ? 2. different roles he/she has? ☐
- ? 3. that he/she had difficulty with a new tool at first? ☐
- ? 4. something about his/her personality? ☐
- ? 5. that other people found his/her work useful? ☐

3 Grammar



Present Perfect Progressive (have/has + been + verb-ing)

- *I **have been going** to the same art school for five years.*
- *Karen is tired because she **has been studying** all day.*

for – since

- *They have been living in London **for eight months**.*
- *They have been living in London **since April**.*
- *I've had this car **since I finished** college.*

Present Perfect Simple - Present Perfect Progressive

- *Tom **has been sending** emails since 10 a.m.*
- *He **has sent** ten emails so far.*



Circle the correct words and complete with *for* or *since*.

1. Mr Smith **has taught** / **has been teaching** English in this school _____ 1995.
2. We **have entered** / **have been entering** competitions _____ many years, but we **haven't won** / **haven't been winning** any awards yet.
3. I **have watched** / **have been watching** TV _____ three hours.