# TENNIS CLUB LISTENING

## – DRAG AND DROP ACTIVITY –

**1.** **Interviewer:** Today on "What's on around town", I'm talking to Chris Jackson, one of the (1) _____ at our local Evesham tennis club, who's here to try to convince you to become members. Chris, are you only interested in (2) _____ players? Or can anyone join?

**Chris:** Playing (3) _____ tennis isn't all we do. Although we have had some great successes, and our level of teaching is very high. The club is also somewhere people can come to have fun. If you want to play for fun, it's best to come on a club night.

**Interviewer:** What are club nights?

**Chris:** Well, they're evenings for adult players that include playing tennis matches in a (4) _____, rather than trying to improve skills. The club nights are held every Wednesday and Friday from 6 pm throughout the summer months. In the winter, the courts are (5) _____ so that play can continue. But there's an (6) _____. to cover the cost of the extra (7) _____. It's not very much though. On Friday nights, food and drinks are (8) _____ at the end of play.

**3.** **Interviewer:** That's the adults. What about younger players?

**Chris:** We have an excellent (9) _____ run by Jack Stevens and his team that covers all ages, and includes both (10) _____ and (11) _____. The courses run for 10 weeks at a time and are open to members and (12) _____. Full (13) _____ is preferred although a weekly fee is possible.

**4.** **Interviewer:** Is there a club night for juniors?

**Chris:** Oh, yes, it's on Thursdays all year round. In fact, we're opening a small shop in the (14) _____ selling (15) _____ and cold drinks for this event. But that won't be until next spring. Any parents by the way who'd like to help out with that are all welcome.

**5.** **Interviewer:** Are the people who run the club nights paid?

**Chris:** No, they are run by members. And as you can imagine, there's a lot of work involved. There is an excellent teaching staff available, and also one person in the office who comes in for a few hours a week to make sure everything runs (16) _____.

**6.** **Interviewer:** And the final word on competitions. Do you encourage players to take part in wider competitions?

**Chris:** Definitely. We have a strong tradition of success in competitions in the area, and we prepare players for them through our own club competitions. The junior competition takes place in May.

**Interviewer:** How serious is that?

**Chris:** It's a fun event, but also a good (17) _____ for juniors of all levels to try out their tennis skills in a more competitive atmosphere. There's no fee for these club competitions, and winners are offered free (18) _____.

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- organizers
- talented
- competitive
- relaxed atmosphere
- improve
- skills
- covered
- extra fee
- lighting
- available
- teaching program
- individual
- group sessions
- nonmembers
- payment in advance
- clubhouse
- snacks
- smoothly
- opportunity
- extra lessons

LIVEWORKSHEETS