## Reading

### Hobbies

People have lots of different hobbies – activities they do in their free time. Some people like hobbies where they can *do* something – for example, cooking, dancing, skateboarding or playing the drums. Other people are into *collecting* things, like stamps, coins or even guitars. A lot of people enjoy *making* things – painting pictures or playing music. And of course there are people who hate playing sports or computer games, and like *learning* things instead, such as languages.

### Paula Jennings

Paula's into learning languages. She can speak Russian, Japanese, Arabic and Chinese. When she learns how to speak or write in another language, she acts, draws pictures and sings instead of using traditional books and dictionaries.

'I love languages and I learn them really easily. I don't work hard on remembering new words. Instead I make music or draw pictures to help me remember them. I often meet people who don't believe that this is a good way to learn languages, but I don't agree. They just dislike learning in a way that is different from what they know and are not interested in how it helps me. The alphabets of the languages I speak are very different from the English alphabet, and some people don't enjoy writing in such a different language, but I love it! I love learning a different alphabet.'

### Bill Gardner

People who enjoy sports usually play tennis on a tennis court, swim in a swimming pool or dance in a dance hall. But Bill is different. What is unusual about him? He loves rock climbing – but he doesn't go to the mountains or the gym. He has a special rock climbing wall on the side of his house!

'People think I'm very strange because one side of my house is a climbing wall. I can climb it very quickly now but some of my friends, who are also into rock climbing, can only climb it slowly. They don't enjoy it. They say it's hard to climb it because it's a wall of a house and not a natural rock. Of course I sometimes go rock climbing in the mountains, but I can do my hobby easily at home.'

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**Read the text. Circle the correct answers (a–c).**

1 The writer says people who like sport
   a like *making* things.
   b like *learning* things.
   c like *doing* things.

2 Paula speaks Russian, Arabic, _____ and _____ .
   a Chinese / German
   b Chinese / Japanese
   c Japanese / German

3 Paula _____ learning a new alphabet.
   a dislikes
   b likes
   c loves

4 Bill says his friends _____ using his climbing wall.
   a love
   b don't enjoy
   c hate

5 Bill can climb his climbing wall
   a very quickly.
   b slowly.
   c very slowly.

## Complete the text with the words below

dancing climbing play skateboarding into playing enjoy don't like singing interested

I do a lot of activities in my free time. On Mondays I do rock _____, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays I have _____ lessons - I'm really _____ dances from Latin America so I _____ the lessons a lot. I like music too - I _____ the guitar and I go to _____ lessons on Wednesdays. My friends do other activities. They like _____ computer games and sometimes they go _____ in the park. I _____ computers and I'm not _____ in computer games.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

**Write sentences using the adverbs in brackets.**

A Our uncle / visit us / at weekends (sometimes)

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B I /go to the cinema (not often)

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C Nigel /do his homework (always)

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D We / have a test / on Mondays (never)

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E My sister / late for / school (usually)

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**Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *can* and the verbs in brackets.**

**Amy** What do you usually do at weekends, Will?

**Will** I play volleyball or tennis. [1]_____ you _____ (play) tennis?

**Amy** No, I [2]_____ (play) tennis. And I [3]_____ (play) volleyball either – I don't really like team games. But I like sport. I'm a good cyclist. I [4]_____ (cycle) really well. Can you?

**Will** Yes, I [5]_____ , but I haven't got a bike. I love dancing. [6]_____ you _____ (dance)?

**Amy** Yes, I [7]_____ (dance). I love dancing! Let's go dancing at the weekend.

**Complete the sentences with adverbs formed from the adjectives in brackets.**

1 Oscar speaks very _____ (quick). I can't understand him.
2 Shhh! Please talk _____ (quiet). The baby is asleep.
3 Leo learns to play instruments very _____ (easy).
4 Tim thinks he's a really good dancer, but he isn't – he dances _____ (bad).
5 Jenny is a good friend. I know her really _____ (good).
6 Stop singing so _____ (loud). Everyone can hear you!
7 There's a lot of traffic on this road. The cars go really _____ (slow).

LIVEWORKSHEETS

## Complete the text with the correct words (a-c)

**Teenage free time**

Gábor is a typical teenager. He gets up in the morning, [1]_____ breakfast and goes to school at 8 o'clock. He [2]_____ home from school, does his homework, and then in the afternoon he [3]_____ things he enjoys.

'Do you [4]_____ sports, Gábor?'

'Of course. I'm into football. I [5]_____ it! I play football four times a week in my local football club.'

'Do you do other sports?'

'Yes, but not very often. I [6]_____ skateboarding and playing tennis, too. Sometimes I have a game of tennis with my best friend Ben.'

'What other activities do you do?'

'I love listening to music. I can [7]_____ a few instruments, too. I can play the piano, the guitar and the saxophone well – and the cello and violin [8]_____ !'

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| 1 | a having | b has | c have |
| 2 | a getting | b gets | c got |
| 3 | a does | b done | c do |
| 4 | a hate | b like | c don't like |
| 5 | a love | b hate | c dislike |
| 6 | a dislike | b like | c interested |
| 7 | a plays | b playing | c play |
| 8 | a badly | b bad | c not good |

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