



# MORE THAN JUST A HOBBY

Read the text.



When people think about teenagers and their free time, they often imagine them playing video games, watching films or scrolling through social media. However, not every teenager chooses to spend their **spare time** in front of a **screen**. Some are discovering unusual activities that allow them to be **creative**, **active** and, most importantly, have **fun**.

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## URBAN SKETCHING



Unlike traditional drawing lessons, urban sketching involves going **outdoors** and drawing places, people and everyday scenes. Teenagers might sit in a café, visit a busy market or explore an old neighbourhood with a sketchbook in hand. The aim is not necessarily to produce a perfect drawing but to **capture a moment**.

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## GEOCACHING



Another interesting activity is **geocaching**, which can be described as a modern **treasure hunt**. Participants use **GPS technology** to search for hidden containers called "geocaches". These can be found in parks, near buildings or along walking trails. Once they find a cache, they usually sign a logbook and sometimes exchange a small object before returning the container to its hiding place.

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## ESCAPE ROOMS



For teenagers who enjoy working with others, escape rooms offer a completely different experience. Groups of players are given a **limited amount of time** to solve puzzles and complete challenges before they can "escape" from a themed room. Success depends not only on intelligence but also on **communication** and **teamwork**.



What these activities have in common is that they encourage teenagers to **step away from their usual routines**. They provide opportunities to meet people, develop new skills and experience **something different**. Free time, after all, does not have to mean doing nothing. Sometimes, the best way to relax is to try something you've never done before.



### A SKIMMING – WHAT'S THE TEXT ABOUT?

- What is the main purpose of the text?
  - To warn teenagers about spending too much time outdoors
  - To introduce several interesting activities teenagers can do in their free time
  - To explain why traditional hobbies are no longer popular
  - To compare teenagers from different countries



### B SCANNING – FIND THE INFORMATION



- Where might teenagers go for urban sketching?  
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- What technology is used in geocaching?  
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- What do participants normally do when they find a geocache?  
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- How much time do players usually have in an escape room?  
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### C READING BETWEEN THE LINES



- Why doesn't urban sketching require teenagers to produce a "perfect drawing"?  
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- What can you infer about the skills needed to succeed in an escape room?  
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- Why does the writer describe geocaching as a "modern treasure hunt"?  
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### D VOCABULARY FROM CONTEXT



Find words or phrases in the text that have similar meanings to:

- free time \_\_\_\_\_
- ordinary / normal \_\_\_\_\_
- possibilities / chances \_\_\_\_\_
- working together \_\_\_\_\_

### B2 THINKING QUESTION



Which of the three activities would you be most interested in trying? Why?

Give at least TWO reasons and support your answer with examples.

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