



UNIT 1 – LESSON 5

PART 1: READING

WHAT STEPS SHOULD YOU TAKE TO READ FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION?

Step 1: Underline key word.

→ Key words in Question: “Why does Nick think his father’s hobby is unusual?”

Step 2: Pay attention to the specific information which the question focuses on.

→ The question “Why” asks for a reason. Find a reason in the text.

Step 3: Compare the information in the reading text and the one in the task. Look for synonyms or phrases that have the same meaning.

→ In the next sentence, he says: “As everyone knows, eggshells are very fragile”. This can be a reason why Nick's daddy likes to collect eggshells.

Step 4: Write the answer for each question.

→ The answer for a “why” question starts with “because”. You can write: “Because (everyone knows that) eggshells are very fragile.”

PART 2: PRACTICE

Exercise 1: Peter describes his grandfather’s hobby in the text below. Read the text and choose the correct option for the following questions.

Before you read about the hobby of tree shaping, let's learn some new vocabulary.

1. passion (n): niềm đam mê
2. skillful (adj): điêu luyện
3. time-consuming (adj): tốn thời gian
4. shape (v): uốn nắn



5. (to be) in shape (phr.): được tạo thành hình dáng

6. artistic (adj): mang tính nghệ thuật

My grandfather has an unusual hobby, tree shaping, which requires a great passion for trees and taking care of them.

My grandfather had spent two years studying and practising shaping tree before becoming a skillful worker. Some of his friends said that it was really time-consuming because it took a lonr time for a tree to be in the ideal shape. However, my grandfather still enjoys this hobby even until now. He often makes use of many trees in our backyard to shape them into wonderful styles. You can't imagine how trees can be trained into different shapes and each of them is very artistic. It can be a table, a chair or even an animal. I think that this hobby not only helps create beautiful trees but also helps protect our environment.

1. What is Peter's grandfather interested in ?

A. shaping tree B. making pottery C. raising pet

2. How long had he been studying and practising shaping tree?

A. a half of a month B. four weeks C. a couple of years

3. How did his friend think about his passion?

A. time-consuming B. economical C. polluted

4. What can he turn the shape of tree into?

A. television B. shoe C. chair

5. What can be inferred from the passage?

A. Peter likes his grandfather's hobby.
B. Peter thinks this hobby is weird.
C. Peter told his father to give up this hobby.



6. What is true about tree shaping?

- A. environmentally friendly
- B. very costly
- C. really harmful to people

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Exercise 2:

Skateboarding is my favourite hobby. I started skateboarding when I was nine years old. At first, I walked rather than skated on it. Then I became brave enough to actually skate. There was a skating rink near my house where I practised with my neighbor's children. One day, my mother drove me to a public rink and I saw young boys performing brave stunts. I was surprised. Soon I learned to jump over obstacles. My mother did not like it. She thought it was dangerous but she bought me a safety kit anyway – a safety helmet, knee pads, elbow pads, and good shoes.

I like skateboarding because I find it exciting. A little danger adds to the thrill. It is also a good form of exercise. My parents are not very keen on my hobby. They would rather do something safer like jogging or cycling. When I talk about taking part in sports festivals, they don't like it very much. Although I have fallen many times and once even broke my arm, I still enjoy the skateboard! I am a little crazy, I guess.

1. Where is the place he first practicing skate?

- A. in his school yard
- B. a skating rink in his neighborhood
- C. a public skating rink

2. Read the passage and fill in the blank with ONE word from the text.

He was _____ when he saw a young boy performing braver stunts at a public rink.



3. Read the passage and fill in the blank with ONE word from the text.

He enjoys skateboarding because it is a good form of _____.

4. What does his mother think about skateboarding?

- A. She finds it very exciting and helps him to practise it.
- B. She is not interested in it because it is dangerous.
- C. She enjoys it so much that she bought him safety gears.

5. How does he feel after breaking his arm?

- A. He is still in love with skateboarding.
- B. He thinks that he will choose something safer like jogging or cycling.
- C. He will never try skateboarding again.

6. What does the word “IT” in bold refer to?

- A. jumping over obstacles
- B. skateboarding
- C. skateboarding rink

7. What does the phrase “keen on” mean?

- A. interested in
- B. bored with
- C. tired of

8. Why does he mention “jogging and cycling” in the text?

- A. To give an example of a safer sport than skateboarding.
- B. To give information about his parents’ hobby.
- C. To introduce the readers about new types of sports.

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Exercise 3: Read the text carefully, then answer the questions.

My name's Susan. I have two favourite hobbies. My first hobby is reading. I started to do it when I was four years old. The first time I did it, I felt interested. So I kept reading. I enjoy reading because it can make me relaxed and calm. Moreover, it can give me an imagination, so I can write books in the future. I can learn the different cultures and customs of other countries in the world, too.

My second hobby is gardening. I have made a small garden and planted many beds of flowers. In the spring season, my garden is full of beautiful flowers. I have a separate plot for vegetables – carrots, potatoes, ect. In the evening, I water the plants and remove the weeds. I love sitting in my garden and reading my books. It is very pleasant to be there!

1. What are Susan's hobbies?

2. When did she start reading?

3. How did she feel when she first read a book?

4. Why does she enjoy reading?

5. What has she planted in her garden?

6. When does she water plants?