

## Vocabulary: Hobbies

3 1 Complete each text with the words below. Words that form collocations are in italics.

### 1 Reading

about character opening page-turner set

The novel I'm reading at the moment is a *real* (1) \_\_\_\_\_. I just can't put it down. It's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Renaissance Italy and is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ young women who are forced to become nuns because they've brought shame on their families for various reasons. In the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ chapters, for example, a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ falls in love with her music teacher and the family don't approve.

### 2 Art

abstract exhibition hype original representational work

I'm sorry to say the student *art* (1) \_\_\_\_\_ was rather dull. I had expected it to be really thought-provoking after *all the* (2) \_\_\_\_\_ but none of the art was very (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It was mostly sculpture, though there were a couple of installations and quite a few paintings. Most of the painters seemed to think they needed to be *strictly* (4) \_\_\_\_\_, but I prefer (5) \_\_\_\_\_ art. It allows you to respond more personally to a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of art.

### 3 Music

charts concert gigs live lyrics taken up tunes

I've just (1) \_\_\_\_\_ *the piano*. It was after a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ I went to that inspired me because the pianist was so talented. I love (3) \_\_\_\_\_ performances, though usually I'm more into (4) \_\_\_\_\_. I went to see my favourite band the other week, actually. What I like about them is their *thoughtful* (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and *catchy* (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Of course, the band write their own music unlike the manufactured groups you see so much these days. They always *reach the top of the* (7) \_\_\_\_\_ but I think it's more down to marketing than talent.

### 4 Film

genre predictable rave rom-com slow-moving star-studded

When it comes to film, my favourite (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is comedy. I went to see a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ last night, and it was so hilarious. It was well acted – well, it was a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ cast so that's not surprising. And it was so touching. Last weekend, my friends made me go and see a horror film with them. It was terrible, not scary at all. It was a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ plot and the ending was so (5) \_\_\_\_\_. My friends had wanted to see it for ages because it's getting (6) \_\_\_\_\_ reviews so they were really disappointed.

2 Check the meaning of any new vocabulary in these texts. Remember the correct definition may not be the first one in your dictionary. Note down any useful phrases, such as *I just can't put it down* and *they write their own music*.