

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*.