

1 Complete the text with the correct words A–C.

Yesterday, we had a class discussion about spare-time activities. A lot of people said that they were interested ¹ computers, but when we got into detail, we found out, that most of them were ² on playing online games. I find that a waste of time, I prefer to spend time ³ something more active, like sports. Some girls mentioned, that they were ⁴ arts or music. And one boy said he loved drama. He has to learn lots of lines, which helps him at school, too. I realized that I would like to go and see one of their ⁵, and maybe I could join in later. I'm always looking for a new ⁶ and I feel happy to learn new ⁷. And if I realize that I am not good enough ⁸ acting, I might help them advertise their new show as a ⁹.

1 A on	B in	C about
2 A fond	B mad	C keen
3 A into	B on	C with
4 A into	B on	C for
5 A practices	B rehearsals	C trainings
6 A choice	B result	C challenge
7 A skill	B skills	C articles
8 A in	B -	C at
9 A photographer	B photograph	C photography

2 Read the article about film premieres and choose the best summary A–F for each paragraph 1–5. There is one extra summary.

- A Reasons to go
- B A typical opening night
- C On everyone's lips
- D All work, no fun
- E Where to go
- F What counts

FADING RED CARPET

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Any film fan who is worth their DVD collection knows what a good film premiere night is like: bright lights, cameras, fans cheering, and in the middle – the famous red carpet. One-by-one, the greatest names of Hollywood get out of their shining limousines and walk down this carpet to the most attractive parties. And, of course, everyone wishes they could be there. Well, except for the stars themselves.

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Although it may look like they are going to have a ball, for most people in the film industry, a night like this is still work. First of all, they are in the public eye, even if the fans and the paparazzi are kept at a distance. The smile still has to be kept fixed on their faces, doesn't matter how exhausted they might be. And, if they have the bad luck to slip on the wet floor, they can be sure to find a photo of that moment in the papers the next day.

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Then there is the ever-present gossip. If you arrive together, you're probably dating each

other. If you arrive separately, have the pictures taken separately, and finally leave separately, it is absolutely sure that you're dating each other. Your every step and smile will be noticed and commented on, and, most likely, described and explained in a wrong way.

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The funny thing is that the least important part of the night is the showing of the movie itself. Most of the people present, from the crew to the critics, have already seen it anyway. The premiere night of the movie *The Fantastic Four* had to take place without the movie because the film projector broke down, but nobody complained. It is really about the crowd, the location and the money that you spend.

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So why do they do it? Well, whether it's annoying or not it is good publicity. All the media are there, willing to give you a bit of their time on screen or space in a paper, magazine or online. Besides, it is tradition. Annoying or not, it just has to take place. As one Hollywood director says, 'If my studio told me I couldn't have a premiere for my film, I'd be terribly upset.'

