

Name _____

Day _____

READING & LISTENING PRACTICE

DO YOU KNOW?

IKEBANA

- Ikebana, meaning “living flower,” is one of many traditional hobbies enjoyed by native and non-native Japanese people alike.
- It's the art of flower arrangement. Ikebana embodies the feeling of the traditional Japanese belief that there is beauty in simplicity and nature.
- You can find many places in Japan that offers Ikebana classes and take them alone or with friends. Ikebana is not only for women but also men too.
- If you want to enjoy the poetics and aesthetics of balancing natural shapes and colors, Ikebana may certainly be a hobby of interest.

I - Read the following passage and do the tasks below.

Hassan has a very interesting hobby. He collects tropical fish! His bedroom has a gigantic aquarium all around the wall. He has been collecting fish since he was four. His first fish was an Angel fish. The only problem is that it can eat smaller fish. Hassan has visited a lot of different countries like Australia to dive in the beautiful weather there. He has always loved the ocean. Now, he's fourteen. He has had his big aquarium for three years, since he was eleven.

Last year when Hassan was in Caribbean for his holiday, he saw sharks when he was diving. He wants to have an aquarium where he can keep one or two small sharks, but it's quite difficult in England. He works as a volunteer at the aquarium of his local zoo. There he can feed the big fish. He hasn't fed the sharks yet, because he is too young.

Part 1: Choose words from the text which mean the same as the following words.

1. very big_____
2. the sea_____
3. a glass home for fish_____
4. work without receiving any money_____
5. give food to animals_____

Part 2: Decide whether the statements below are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).

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| 1. Hassan has a boring hobby. | T | F |
| 2. He spends all his holidays in England. | T | F |
| 3. He helps in the zoo in the Caribbean. | T | F |
| 4. He wants to have small sharks at home. | T | F |

II - Read the passage and choose the best option to answer each of the following questions.

Having a hobby that we enjoy brings us joy and enriches our lives. It gives us something fun to do during our leisure time and affords us the opportunity to learn new skills. We are very fortunate to have so many different options out there today. In fact, there are entire websites devoted to hobbies and interests.

The best way to cultivate a new hobby is to try something new. The world is full of wonderful, exciting activities that we can explore and adopt as our own. Of course, all of us are unique and, therefore, our interests and hobbies vary. But once we find a hobby that we truly enjoy and are passionate about, we become hooked. It becomes part of our lives and captivates us in a very personal way.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

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| A. The importance of hobbies | B. The definition of hobbies |
| C. Time to start a hobby | D. Hobbies and interests |

2. What can a hobby give you?

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| A. Leisure time | B. Chance to afford new things |
| C. More free time | D. Something fun to do |

3. What should we do if we want to cultivate a new hobby?

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| A. refer to websites | B. check the options |
| C. try something new | D. participate in activities |

4. Our interests and hobbies vary because_____.
- A. the world is wonderful B. there are many exciting things to explore
- C. each of us enjoys many things D. all of us are unique
5. What does the word "It" refer to?
- A. An activity B. A hobby C. A part D. A personal way

LISTENING PART**Exercise 1: Listen and decide if each statement is true or false.**

No.	Statements	T	F
1.	Angela walks in the park every morning.	☐	☐
2.	There is a park near Angela's house.	☐	☐
3.	Angela usually takes the bus instead of cycling.	☐	☐
4.	On Thursday evenings, Angela stays at home and chats with friends.	☐	☐
5.	Angela likes hiking, but she does not do it much.	☐	☐
6.	At weekends, Angela is healthier than usual.	☐	☐
7.	Angela never goes hiking alone.	☐	☐
8.	Many of Angela's friends do not like hiking.	☐	☐

Exercise 2: Listen and tick ✓ to the correct box.

	Clara	Tom	Robert
15 years old			
11 years old			
13 years old			
writing poem			
dancing			
playing football			
taking pictures			
reading comics			
drawing			
playing the piano			
loving fine art			
good at physical education			
good at literature			