

Hobbies and leisure

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Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box.

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1. I'm not very keen science fiction films, but the rest of my family loves them.
2. I'm interested taking up scuba diving, but it's an expensive hobby.
3. My father has always been fascinated architecture and loves visiting old castles.
4. I used to prefer rock and folk music, but I've really got jazz recently.
5. John is very excited starting tennis lessons next week.
6. Maria is quite pleased her daughter's progress in her ballet class.
7. Some people can become addicted playing computer games.
8. Antonia is brilliant cooking; I wish I could do it as well as her!

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Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

1. The viewers / spectators | in the stadium cheered for their team.
2. Jacob decided to take place / part in a cooking competition.
3. Rachel took / set up painting because she wanted to make better use of her free time.
4. I really enjoyed the demonstration / exhibition of eighteenth-century art at the city gallery.
5. My favourite singer is giving / running a concert in my home town and I hope to see her.
6. I go to the cinema regularly and like to see moving / thrilling films that are very emotional.
7. Elena enjoys reading detective stories with complicated but interesting schemes / plots.
8. He is a very sociable / sensible person who loves meeting new people in his free time.

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For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 A taste B appeal C interest D attraction

Example answer: B



The joy of photography

Photography is a hobby with wide (0) And I don't mean taking photos on your mobile phone, though it cannot be (1) that such pictures can be surprisingly good these days. Serious photography means taking the (2) to do some research, exploring the technical (3) of the subject and investing in what might be quite expensive equipment. So why take up photography? Firstly, it allows you to (4) special moments that you want to remember forever. In addition, it (5) your imagination because you are always in search of ideas for original and out of the ordinary photos. However, a lot of practice is required before you (6) to take really good pictures on a regular basis. When you finally do it, it will be a (7) of great satisfaction for you. Photography can also transform the way you look at the world. You start to see details that in the past you used to miss (8) All in all, it's a highly absorbing hobby.

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| 1 A rejected | B contradicted | C denied | D refused |
| 2 A trouble | B care | C effort | D concern |
| 3 A characteristics | B forms | C qualities | D aspects |
| 4 A seize | B capture | C grab | D catch |
| 5 A motivates | B renews | C stimulates | D reacts |
| 6 A manage | B succeed | C achieve | D reach |
| 7 A reason | B cause | C source | D means |
| 8 A utterly | B completely | C fully | D absolutely |