

1.1 Vocabulary

Free time and routines • collocations

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box. You can use the verbs more than once.

[go (x2) have listen play read watch]

- 0 I go to school five days a week.
- 1 Tim and I _____ games on our phones before school starts.
- 2 You _____ to a lot of music. Is this a good CD?
- 3 My mum and dad _____ an old film every Friday.
- 4 We _____ four books a year in English.
- 5 My friends _____ newspapers on their computers.
- 6 Jill: Are you alone?
Jim: Yes, my parents _____ to work on Saturdays.
- 7 We _____ an English test every Monday morning.
- 8 Jack's aunt and uncle _____ to the radio all the time.

WORD STORE 1A

Collocations – have, go and play

2 Complete the texts with have, go or play.



3 Complete the sentences with go, have or play and the words from the box.

[bath breakfast concerts chess cinema
fun out party piano youth club]

- 0 My friends and I always have fun when we go out.
- 1 I love music but I don't often ^a _____ to ^b _____ because bands don't come to my town.
- 2 On school days, I have a shower but on Saturdays and Sundays I ^a _____ a nice, long, relaxing ^b _____.
- 3 Lisa and Mark ^a _____ to the ^b _____ every Friday. They love watching films together.
- 4 Mick can ^a _____ the ^b _____. He goes to lessons at the local music school.
- 5 I sometimes ^a _____ ^b _____ with my grandfather but I never win. He always takes my queen quickly!
- 6 We always ^a _____ ^b _____ before we go to school. We have bread, jam and a cup of tea.
- 7 It's my friend's birthday tomorrow but I can't ^a _____ to her ^b _____ because it's my mum's birthday on the same day.
- 8 My brother wants to ^a _____ to the local ^b _____ with me but he's only 12 and it's for 14–19 year olds.
- 9 Where do you usually meet when you ^a _____ ^b _____ with your friends?

WORD STORE 1A

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Your free time

What do you do?

Nikki, aged 16

I ⁰ go to the park with my friends. We ¹ _____ the guitar there. Sometimes, we ² _____ a picnic. We always ³ _____ a good time. Mick and Sam ⁴ _____ the drums – African drums. They're really cool but some people in the park don't like them!

Molly, aged 16

I ⁵ _____ shopping on Saturdays. I ⁶ _____ lunch in a restaurant in the shopping centre.

Bruce, aged 17

I don't have much free time. I don't ⁷ _____ breakfast in the morning. I don't have time – but I ⁸ _____ a shower! On Sundays, I ⁹ _____ snooker. It's a great game. I don't ¹⁰ _____ computer games. I ¹¹ _____ to bed early. I'm always tired and sleepy.

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WORD STORE 1B

Verb + noun collocations

4 Choose the correct verbs.

Free time survey

Your name:

Your age:

How do you spend your free time?

1 read / watch / visit books	<input type="text" value="a lot"/>
2 spend / visit / write friends	<input type="text" value="a lot"/>
3 read / watch / write films	<input type="text" value="sometimes"/>
4 watch / write / read magazines	<input type="text" value="sometimes"/>
5 read / spend / watch the TV / the telly	<input type="text" value="a lot"/>
6 visit / spend / watch time alone	<input type="text" value="sometimes"/>
7 watch / write / visit a blog	<input type="text" value="never"/>
8 spend / watch / read DVDs	<input type="text" value="a lot"/>

REMEMBER BETTER

It's easier to remember verb + noun collocations if you use them in sentences about your or your friends' lives.

5 Write your own sentences with each collocation.

I read emails from my friends every day.
music blogs

I watch programmes about cooking at weekends.
Quentin Tarantino films

I go to my friend's house every afternoon.
school with my friend

I have a shower in the evening.
breakfast at school

WORD STORE 1C

Verb + preposition collocations

6 Choose the correct words.

Marta: Hi, Jon. Thanks for agreeing to answer my questions for my English project. So, tell me about your free time.

Jon: Well, I spend a lot of time ¹*in / on / at* school but that isn't free time! After school, I go ²*to / - / at* home and I stay ³*in / at / on* home all evening. I spend time ⁴*at / in / on* my room. I do my homework and listen ⁵*at / with / to* music. My parents come ⁶*- / to / in* home late so I can listen to music they don't like!

Marta: And at the weekend?

Jon: Sometimes I go ⁷*about / out / away* with my friends. We go ⁸*on / for / out* a walk or to a café. We talk ⁹*about / on / for* films or music. I am never ¹⁰*in / to / at* home on Saturdays! On Sundays, I spend my time ¹¹*for / to / with* my grandparents – ¹²*on / in / at* my grandparents' house. Oh, and I study English! That's it, I think.

Marta: OK. Thanks.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

8 Choose the correct options A, B or C.

- 1 My sister and I ___ a film together every Friday.
A play B watch C have
- 2 My brother and his friends ___ party every week.
A go to a B go to the C go to
- 3 My mum and dad always go to ___ on Sunday morning.
A shopping B the park C out
- 4 See you later. Have a ____.
A fun B supper C good time
- 5 Can you play the ____?
A piano B chess C snooker
- 6 I go out ___ my friends a lot.
A for B to C with
- 7 We often talk ___ school when we meet.
A about B with C to
- 8 We can go to the park and have a ____.
A fun B picnic C lunch
- 9 You can't ___ out this evening. You have homework to do.
A have B go C play
- 10 Steve isn't here. He and his girlfriend always go ___ a walk on Saturday afternoon.
A for B to C in

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