Reading 1

It's a hard life!



Tzu-Lee

People think that teenagers have a lot of free time, but it's not true. We get a lot of homework. But this term I want to go to an after-school club and do drama or go riding. I think it's important to do different things, not just study, study, study all the time. Teenagers have a hard life!



I don't have much free time. After school I help my dad. He's a mechanic. I like learning about cars. I haven't got any special hobbies but I like listening to music and making CDs for my friends.

Jack



I'm a working mum so I don't have much free time. When I come home I cook the dinner, watch a bit of TV and go to bed. At the weekends I like spending time with my kids. We go bowling or cycling if the weather's nice. I like walking too, but the children always say it's boring!

Jack's mum

We have lots of free time and there are many activities for pensioners in our town. On Mondays we play chess. On Tuesdays we go dancing. On Thursdays we go swimming. On Fridays we do gymnastics! We sometimes go on coach trips to different places or visit museums. We're never bored. It's not a bad life!



Tzu-Lee's neighbours

1 **Read the notes. True or false?**

1. Tzu-Lee thinks teenagers have a lot of free time. ☐
2. She thinks it's a good idea to study all the time. ☐
3. Tzu-Lee's neighbours are not very active. ☐
4. They have a good life. ☐
5. Jack plays sports after school. ☐
6. Jack likes music. ☐
7. Jack's mum has a job. ☐
8. Jack's mum likes doing activities with the family at the weekend. ☐

2 **Read the notes again. Answer the questions.**

1. Who plays chess?
2. Who wants to do an after-school activity?
3. Who likes cars?
4. Who doesn't like walking?
5. Who goes on excursions?
6. Who doesn't have much free time?
7. Who goes bowling or cycling?

3 **Match the words (1-7) with their meanings (a-g).**

1. trip	a. young person
2. pensioner	b. theatre
3. drama	c. small city
4. hobby	d. excursion
5. town	e. free time activity
6. teenager	f. person over 65
7. coach	g. type of bus

4 **Find all the *play, do* and *go* activities in the text.**

PLAY	DO	GO