

LISTENING: 21st CENTURY HOBBIES**Skill listening for the main idea**

It is important to understand the main idea when someone is speaking.

- Think about who is speaking and what he/she is talking about.
- Don't worry if you don't understand all the words.
- Remember that speakers often talk about the main ideas more than once.

1 **1.8** Read the Skill box. Watch or listen to the beginning of a webshow called *Learning Curve* and check (✓) the main idea.

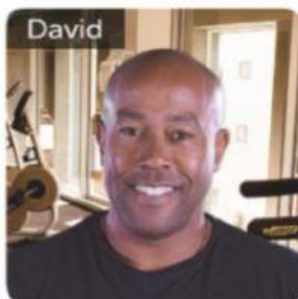
- 1 People have less time for socializing today. ☐
- 2 Many popular hobbies are now online. ☐
- 3 Old hobbies are becoming popular again. ☐

2 **A** **1.8** Watch or listen again. Complete the chart with the online activities Kate mentions.

Traditional activity	Online activity
play team sports	
take cooking classes	
go to a shopping center	
go out to meet new people	



3 **1.9** Watch or listen to the second part of the show. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences about the main ideas.



- 1 Viktor ...
 - a plays chess a lot.
 - b does lots of activities online.
 - c meets up with friends every day.
- 2 David ...
 - a likes computers.
 - b exercises at home.
 - c prefers exercising at the gym.
- 3 Suzie ...
 - a downloads lots of music.
 - b prefers to relax at home.
 - c does her hobby with other people.
- 4 Rebecca ...
 - a does lots of activities online.
 - b doesn't like meeting new people.
 - c spends lots of time with her family.

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▶ 1.9 Watch or listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1 Viktor plays chess with friends every day. _____ | 4 Rebecca makes videos of her cat. _____ |
| 2 David goes to the gym five times a week or more. _____ | 5 Kate only likes traditional hobbies, _____ |
| 3 Suzie loves music from the 1980s. _____ | like rock climbing. _____ |

The End