1 Read the online forum and match each teenager to the photos (a–c). What are they going to do this summer?







1 Ben ☐ 2 Skyler ☐ 3 Anna ☐

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SUMMER CAMPS

Summer camps are popular in the US, and now they're becoming popular in the UK, too. Some people think that they're a great way to meet people and learn new skills. But do young people need time to relax? What do you think? Are you going to go to a summer camp this summer? What are you going to do?



ANNA, 14 BASINGSTOKE

The summer holidays are great at first, but after two weeks, they're boring. This summer I'm going to go to a technology camp. I read about the course online. You work in groups and create a computer game. There's also a games league so you can play games with other kids. There's a sports centre so I'm going to play tennis and go swimming. It's only one week and I've got another five weeks to relax.



SKYLER, 13 LIVERPOOL

We're going to go to Turkey in July. The rest of the summer, my parents are working. They want me to do something useful, but I don't want to go to a summer camp. I get up at seven o'clock every school day and I'm always busy. I don't want to do the same in the summer. I'm not going to organise my time. I'm going to sleep and play music with friends. I think the summer is a time to do nothing. What's wrong with that?



BEN, 13 SOUTHPORT

This summer, I'm going to go to a camp in Scotland. I'm going to go climbing and cycling and there are activities in the evening, too. There's a magic night and an opportunity to learn circus skills. OK, they're not very useful skills, but they're fun! And we're going to build a Loch Ness Monster. People from all over the world are going to be there so I hope to make new friends. I'm really looking forward to it.

2 Read the online forum again and choose the best answers.

1 What do people think about summer camps in general?
- a They aren't common in the UK.
- b They are an opportunity to make new friends.
- c They are a good way to relax.

2 Why does Anna want to go to a summer camp?
- a Because she hasn't got things to do at home.
- b Because she wants to meet other kids.
- c Because she likes playing computer games.

3 What is Anna going to do?
- a She's going to play computer games and do sports at camp.
- b She's going to stay at the camp for five weeks.
- c She's going to relax for one week.

4 What does Skyler think about camps?
- a She thinks summer camps are boring.
- b She thinks you don't have free time at summer camps.
- c She thinks students need to relax in the holidays.

5 What does Ben want to do at his summer camp?
- a He wants to learn to do things that are useful.
- b He wants to visit Loch Ness.
- c He wants to meet people from different countries.

3 CRITICAL THINKING

Are these statements for (F) or against (A) going to summer camps?

1 You are away from your family and friends. F / A
2 You learn to be more independent. F / A
3 You do things that you don't usually do. F / A
4 You don't have time to relax. F / A
5 Doing nothing at home is boring. F / A
6 You meet people from different places. F / A

4 Match the underlined words in the online forum with these definitions.

1 abilities _____
2 feeling happy about something that is going to happen _____
3 a group of people who travel and do shows, often with animals _____
4 interesting, something that you enjoy _____
5 the other time _____

5 Complete the sentences with words from 4.

1 I'm _____ going to the beach this summer.
2 I love going to parties. They're _____.
3 I do my homework after school. Then I relax for the _____ of the evening.
4 We're going to take my brother to the _____ on his birthday.
5 I'm going to go to camp this summer to learn photography _____.

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