

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.

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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_.