

READING

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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- I love travelling and I always take lots of photos and post them online. It's great to them with all my friends.
- My new tablet is brilliant, but I need a special for drawing cartoons, which is my main interest.
- There's an excellent where you can learn how to do unusual hobbies – it's really useful.
- The CD player in Dad's car isn't working. I 'open' but it stays closed.
- To get information for the project, 'computer game competitions' and there are lots of websites.
- I'm sending you a to the travel website that my mum always uses.

2 e Read the introduction on a forum about hobbies. Choose the correct answer.

- The website is for
 - people who have no hobbies.
 - people who have too many hobbies.
 - people who want to teach and learn about hobbies.
 - people who don't like their hobby.
- When someone writes about their hobby, they should
 - give lots of information about their hobby.
 - arrange to take people to their club meetings.
 - give online lessons about their hobby.
 - write about a hobby they think other people might like.

Hobby Swap

New members

Profile



Are you looking for an interest that's different? Have you got an unusual interest that you think others would like too? Post an introduction about your favourite hobby on our Hobby Swap page and you can teach and learn different activities. You can chat online to people and then meet up at our Hobby Swap weekend in May. Some of the things that people love and do are amazing! Could YOU teach someone about your hobby? Which would YOU like to try?



Emma

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Hi! I'm sure some people think my interest is a bit unusual. It's cricket! You can see cricket matches on TV and in many English towns and villages at the weekends. It's a very traditional English sport played in a large field. Everyone wears white clothes and one person throws a ball which another person has to hit a long way. Some people think it's a crazy game because it's quite slow and people stand around a lot. But it isn't! It's great fun! There are lots of cricket clubs and it doesn't matter if you're young or old – everyone can enjoy it. I'm thirteen and I love it!

I'm looking for an activity to do indoors when the weather's too bad for playing cricket. Any suggestions?



Hugo

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People say that my interest is a bit strange. It's called Toy Voyaging. The idea is that you send a toy around the world and get photos of it in different places. There's a special site where you can register to be a host and look after someone's toy. People send the toys by post and say what their toy wants to do while it's there. The hosts put photos on the site and people follow their travels and adventures! Does this sound crazy? Perhaps it is a bit! But it's great fun. You find out about lots of places in the world and chat to different people too.

I want to find another unusual interest – nothing too sporty, perhaps something I can do with other people?



Katya

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You may not believe this, but my interest is stand-up comedy! That means I tell jokes to an audience and hope that they laugh! When I was young my friends often wanted me to tell them funny stories. Now I go to under-18s comedy clubs where people stand up on stage and do it! It's scary at first but it's an amazing feeling to hear people laughing.

I'd like another interest – probably a sport because I need to get fit. But it's got to be interesting and a bit unusual!



3 Read the forum posts and match the pictures (1–3) with the people Emma (E), Hugo (H) and Katya (K).

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4 Read the forum again. Match each sentence (1–6) with a poster (E, H or K).

- 1 You can learn about different countries with this person's interest.
- 2 This person's activity can be frightening for beginners.
- 3 You need a computer for this person's interest.
- 4 This person says the activity is more interesting than other people think.
- 5 This person's interest makes people laugh.
- 6 This person wears special clothes for this activity.

5 Match the words (1–6) with their meanings (A–F).

- 1 look for
 - 2 swap (something for something)
 - 3 sharp
 - 4 match
 - 5 register
 - 6 find out (about)
 - 7 audience
 - 8 get fit
- A learn
B like a knife, something like this cuts
C give information about yourself, e.g. to join a club
D try to find
E group of people watching or listening to something
F become strong, usually from doing exercise
G exchange / give something and receive something different
H a competition usually between two sports people or a team

6 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s) from the forum posts.

audience find out fit look for race register sharp swap

- 1 Let's stories about our holidays. Tell me about yours first.
- 2 on the website and you can get lots of useful information.
- 3 The acting in the show was very good and the loved it.
- 4 This knife isn't very – I can't cut anything!
- 5 I'd like to when the art club starts.
- 6 I need to go running to get before the competition. I don't do enough exercise.
- 7 The is for under-18s and the winner gets a cup.
- 8 I need to my tennis shirt – it's not in my bag.