

Functional language

Make and respond to suggestions

1 Choose the correct response to complete the conversations.

- I'm so bored at the moment. I have nothing to do at the weekends!
 - How about taking up a hobby?
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- I really need to improve my English vocabulary. I always use the same words.
 - I recommend to read in English.
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- Jim is training to be an outdoor instructor at the moment.
 - Really? That sound interesting.
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- I'm so stressed at the moment. I'm working really hard.
 - Why not try running? It's a great way to reduce stress.
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- Why isn't Nina coming to the cinema with us this evening?
 - Oh, she's not keen in the cinema. She prefers watching films at home.
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- Oh no! It's going to rain all day on Saturday!
 - Well, I don't fancy to hike then. Let's do something else.
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2 Choose the correct alternatives.

- I'm not sure/keen camping is a good idea – the weather isn't very good at the moment. Let's book a hotel instead.
- Why don't/not try doing something different in the evenings, like going to an art or music class?
- You're planning a surprise party? That sounds/sound great! I'm sure Karen will love it!
- If you're feeling tired I recommend watch/watching less TV and exercising more. You'll feel much better!
- Spending time with friends is very good for/to your health – people who relax and socialise are usually happier and less stressed.
- I'm not keen about/on running. I prefer playing team sports like football and rugby.

3 Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box.

a brilliant idea here's another idea I think not try running on doing sport sounds really interesting taking up a hobby you to forget

A: Hi Mell! Congratulations on your new job! It¹ *sounds really interesting*.
 B: Thanks, Dave. I'm really happy, but it's stressful. I'm working a lot and feel really tired.
 A: How about² _____? I think it's really important to have time for yourself. Why³ _____?
 B: Hmm, I'm not keen⁴ _____, I hate getting dirty!
 A: Well,⁵ _____, What about doing a course in art or creative writing?⁶ _____ you'll enjoy it as you are so creative.
 B: That's⁷ _____! Thanks, Dave!
 A: No problem. I did one last year and I loved it. It really helps⁸ _____ about everything and relax.

Listening

1 1.01 Listen to a radio programme about homeworking and choose the correct option a, b, or c.

- They discuss the positive things about working from home.
- They discuss the negative things about working from home.
- They discuss the positive and negative things about working from home.

2 Listen again and choose the correct alternatives.

- Everyone/Not everyone* agrees that working from home is a good idea.
- The presenter thinks it *is usually/isn't* very difficult these days for people to meet online.
- Michael thinks it can be *useful/a waste of time* talking to colleagues outside of meetings.
- Michael thinks that working from home in winter is *good/bad* for the environment.
- The presenter suggests we could work from home only *in the summer/when it's cold outside*.
- Some business owners prefer it when they can see/phone their employees.
- Michael thinks that stress can have a *positive/negative* effect on how productive employees are.
- The presenter *would/wouldn't* like to work from home.

3a Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- Michael thinks if people work at home, relationships will improve. F
- Michael thinks talking to colleagues helps people develop new ideas.
- The presenter wants fewer cars on the roads.
- If people work from home, we use less heating.
- All managers like the idea of homeworking.
- Happier and more motivated people are more productive.

b Listen again and check your answers.