Functional language

Make and respond to suggestions

1 Choose the correct response to complete the conversations.

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

2 Choose the correct alternatives.

1 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.
2 Why *don't*/*not* try doing something different in the evenings, like going to an art or music class?
3 You're planning a surprise party? That *sounds*/*sound* great! I'm sure Karen will love it!
4 If you're feeling tired I recommend *watch*/*watching* less TV and exercising more. You'll feel much better!
5 Spending time with friends is very good *for*/*to* your health – people who relax and socialise are usually happier and less stressed.
6 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 Mel! Congratulations on your new job! It [1] *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 about [2] _____? I think it's really important to have time for yourself. Why [3] _____?
B: Hmm. I'm not keen [4] _____. 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's [7] _____! Thanks, Dave!
A: No problem. I did one last year and I loved it. It really helps [8] _____ about everything and relax.

Listening

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

a They discuss the positive things about working from home.
b They discuss the negative things about working from home.
c They discuss the positive and negative things about working from home.

2 Listen again and choose the correct alternatives.

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

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

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

b Listen again and check your answers.

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