

15 FREE TIME

VOCABULARY

Free-time activities

1 Match the activity to the phrase that describes it.

1 going shopping

2 acting

3 chatting

4 photography

5 cooking

6 playing an instrument

7 collecting things

8 dancing

9 playing sport

a having conversations

b using a camera

c buying things

d being someone in a drama

e making music with a guitar or violin, for example

f having a game of tennis, for example

g moving your body, usually to music

h getting and keeping lots of one kind of object

i making things to eat

2 Read about the people's hobbies and complete the texts with the words in the box.

acting chatting collecting cooking going (x2) listening making
photography playing (x2) reading singing spending watching



Galina

I really like ¹ _____
time online and
² _____ to other
people on my phone
and laptop. I also love
³ _____ to music
online. I live on the internet!



Pilar

I love ⁸ _____
computer games and
⁹ _____ TV. I like
¹⁰ _____ books
too. I go to the library
every week.

My favourite hobby is
⁴ _____ things from
plastic, wood and paper. I'm
learning ⁵ _____ too,
so I usually take pictures of them
when I've finished them.



Tanya

In my free time I enjoy
¹¹ _____ musical
instruments. I'm quite good
at the piano and the drums.
I also like ¹² _____
instruments – I've got about 30
different ones already!



Nala



Guillermo

⁶ _____ is my
favourite thing to do when
I'm not in school. I love
⁷ _____ shopping
for food that I haven't used
before, then making something
amazing with it.



Lev

I go to a theatre group every
Saturday morning and we
do three things which I
love: ¹³ _____ in
plays, ¹⁴ _____
songs and dancing. I like
¹⁵ _____ out with
my friends from the group
too – they're great fun.

GRAMMAR

Present perfect with *for* and *since*



1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I've had my phone *for / since* six months.
- She's had her computer *for / since* 2013.
- They've lived there *for / since* last summer.
- He's only played the guitar *for / since* three weeks.
- I haven't seen my cousins *for / since* a long time.
- We have known each other *for / since* we were ten years old.



2 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.



- A It's so nice that you'll come tomorrow. I didn't see you for three weeks. _____

B It's so nice that you'll come tomorrow. I haven't seen you for three weeks. _____
- A I didn't eat chicken since a long time. _____

B I haven't eaten chicken for a long time. _____
- A Yesterday I bought two dresses. I haven't had one since I was six! _____

B Yesterday I bought two dresses. I've never had one since I was six! _____
- A I want to sell my radio. I've had it for four years. _____

B I want to sell my radio. I've got it since four years. _____
- A I know Adam 20 years. _____

B I've known Adam for 20 years. _____



3 Rewrite the sentences using *for* or *since*. Imagine it is now 7 pm on Monday 21st August.

- We've lived here since 21st June.
We've lived here for two months. _____
- I've had a headache for three hours. _____
- Josh has had that camera since April. _____
- Aysha and Faruk have been out with their friends since 2 pm. _____
- Davina's only played the violin for a month. _____
- You haven't phoned me since last Monday. _____
- The rain hasn't stopped for 24 hours. _____



4 Complete the blog with *for*, *since*, *has* or *have*.

I collect postcards. I've collected them
1 _____ a long time. I started when
I was six and I'm thirteen now, so I've had this
hobby 2 _____ seven years. I started
when my uncle sent me a postcard from Madrid.
He 3 _____ visited a penfriend there
every year 4 _____ he was a teenager.
All my friends and family 5 _____
sent me postcards 6 _____ then.
My favourite is a postcard
that 7 _____
been on my bedroom wall
8 _____ I was
ten. It's a photo of
New Zealand.



VOCABULARY

Collocations about having fun



1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- When I go camping with my friends, I always _____ a brilliant time.
A enjoy B have C spend
- My mum's family are from Argentina and I love _____ time with them when we go there for holidays.
A being B feeling C spending
- I collect old watches, and finding an unusual one gives me a fantastic _____.
A time B laugh C feeling
- When you do a free-time activity, the most important thing is to _____ yourself.
A enjoy B laugh C play
- Everyone was really _____ when Georgina won the photography prize – her photos were much more interesting than anyone else's.
A great B fun C glad

2 Write sentences about you using the phrases in the box.

a laugh an exciting weekend
enjoy ourselves spending time

- 0 *I always have a laugh with my eldest sister!* _____

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____