

Reading Task: Short Texts about People's Hobbies

Text 1: Anna – The Photographer

Anna is a first-year university student who loves taking photos. Every weekend, she carries her small digital camera to the park near her home. She enjoys capturing flowers, birds, and sometimes children playing football. During weekdays, she doesn't have much free time because of her studies. However, in the evening, she often edits her photos on her laptop. Her dream is to travel around the world and take pictures of different cultures and landscapes. She believes photography helps her relax and makes her more creative.

Text 2: Tom – The Guitar Player

Tom is studying engineering, but his true passion is music. He started playing the guitar when he was twelve. Now, he plays almost every day, usually in the evening after finishing his homework. He also performs with his friends in a small band at the university café once a month. Playing the guitar helps him forget stress and makes him feel confident. His favorite music style is rock, but he also enjoys playing soft acoustic songs. Someday, he hopes to record his own album and share it online.

Text 3: Mai – The Reader

Mai is from Chiang Mai, and her favorite hobby is reading novels. She usually spends two or three hours every night reading before she goes to sleep. Her favorite types of books are romance and adventure stories. She also reads English books to improve her vocabulary. Mai says reading helps her escape from daily problems and gives her new ideas. At the weekend, she often visits the bookshop with her friends. She dreams of becoming a writer in the future because she wants to create stories that inspire other people.

A. True or False

1. Anna usually takes photos during weekdays. (____)
2. Tom sometimes plays in a band at his university café. (____)
3. Mai only reads Thai books. (____)
4. Anna wants to travel and take photos around the world. (____)
5. Tom started playing guitar when he entered university. (____)

C. Vocabulary in Context

Match the words with their meanings:

1. **capturing** (Text 1) _____
 2. **passion** (Text 2) _____
 3. **escape** (Text 3) _____
 4. **landscapes** (Text 1) _____
 5. **confident** (Text 2) _____
- a) Strong feeling of love for something
 - b) To get away from problems or difficulties
 - c) Natural scenery such as mountains and rivers
 - d) Taking or recording images
 - e) Sure about yourself, not shy

B. Multiple Choice

1. What does Anna often do in the evening?
a) Play football
b) Edit photos
c) Travel around the world
d) Visit the park
2. How often does Tom perform with his band?
a) Every day
b) Every weekend
c) Once a month
d) Once a week
3. What kind of books does Mai like to read?
a) Science and history
b) Romance and adventure
c) Sports and cooking
d) Travel and photography
4. What is Tom's dream?
a) To be a famous football player
b) To record his own album
c) To become a photographer
d) To write a novel
5. Why does Mai enjoy reading?
a) It helps her escape problems and learn new ideas
b) It makes her stronger and healthier
c) It helps her meet new people
d) It gives her time to play with friends