

**VOCABULARY**

1. Look at the photos. What are the school activities and clubs? Write the correct letter. Then listen and check your answers.

a. choir    b. athletics    c. orchestra    d. math club    e. drama club    f. science club



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**LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Complete the conversations with the correct form of used to and the correct verb from the box. You Will use some of the verbs more than once.

do    have    play    sing    spend

1. A Did you use to play soccer when you were in high school?  
B No, my school  a soccer team. Now it does.  
A So, what did you  ?  
B Video games. I  all my time on the computer.
2. A Your brother is really good at ping pong! Did he  when he was a child?  
B No, he  any sports.  
A What did he  in his free time?  
B He  in the school choir.



**LISTENING**

1. Listen to Carl interview his father and his grandfather Giorgio. Choose the correct answer.

1. Where did the Rossi family live when they first came to the US?  
☐ a. New York City    ☐ b. New Jersey    ☐ c. California
2. What did Carl's father use to do when he was little?  
☐ a. watch cartoons on his phone    ☐ b. watch TV    ☐ c. play computer games
3. Where did Carl's father use to go when he was a teenager?  
☐ a. to the beach    ☐ b. to the mall    ☐ c. to the movies
4. What did Carl's grandfather Giorgio use to do when he was a kid?  
☐ a. play soccer at the beach    ☐ b. go for long walks    ☐ c. go to the mall
5. What was one of Carl's grandfather's favorite activities?  
☐ a. making model airplanes    ☐ b. collecting stamps    ☐ c. climbing trees

## READING

### The Role of APIs in Modern Software Development

In today's digital world, applications need to communicate with each other to share data and services. This is where APIs, or Application Programming Interfaces, play an important role. An API is a set of rules that allows one software program to interact with another. For example, when you use a weather app, it often connects to an API to get the latest weather information from a server.

APIs make software development faster and more efficient because developers do not need to build everything from scratch. Instead, they can use existing services through APIs. For instance, many websites use payment APIs like PayPal or Stripe to process transactions securely. This saves time and ensures that the system works reliably.

There are different types of APIs, such as REST and SOAP, but REST is the most popular today because it is simple and uses standard web technologies. APIs are essential for cloud computing, mobile apps, and even artificial intelligence. Without APIs, modern software systems would not be able to connect and share information effectively.

### Comprehension Questions

1. What does API stand for? \_\_\_\_\_  
A) Application Programming Interface  
B) Advanced Processing Integration  
C) Automated Program Interaction  
D) Applied Protocol Information
2. Why are APIs important for developers? \_\_\_\_\_  
A) They make software slower  
B) They allow developers to build everything from scratch  
C) They help developers use existing services  
D) They prevent communication between apps
3. Which API type is most popular today? \_\_\_\_\_  
A) SOAP  
B) REST  
C) XML  
D) JSON
4. What is an example of an API mentioned in the text? \_\_\_\_\_  
A) Google Maps  
B) PayPal  
C) Facebook  
D) WhatsApp
5. What would happen without APIs? \_\_\_\_\_  
A) Apps would connect more easily  
B) Software systems would not share information effectively  
C) Developers would save time  
D) Cloud computing would be faster