READING

1 **Read the blog quickly. What is Sascha's hobby? Would you like to try this hobby? Why? / Why not?**

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MAKING SHOES FOR FUN

A blog by Sascha Marr, aged 14









My hobby is making shoes. It's an unusual hobby, but I love the fantastic feeling of wearing shoes that I've made myself.

I've always liked designing things. I remember drawing clothes and shoes when I was eight, and I made my first skirt aged nine. Then three years ago, I began making shoes, and I now spend my free time doing that.

I became interested in making shoes when my cousin told me about an online shoe-making course that he was doing. I immediately wanted to do one too. Mum booked me on a four-day course at the I Can Make Shoes school in London to see if I liked it, and then I did a ten-day course there in the summer holidays.

I loved the courses. On the longer one, I made four pairs of shoes! I couldn't believe it. The teachers were excellent. That's what was best about the classes. They made us work really hard but they wanted all their students to have fun, too.

I've made about 15 pairs of shoes now. At the moment I'm making a pair of trainers using an old pair of jeans, but I've used all kinds of different things before, from old leather handbags to old cotton dresses!

Making shoes has changed my plans for the future. I know now that I want to be a designer, but not a shoe designer. I've decided I'll do home design. I've designed lots of shoes and also some clothes, so I'd like to try something new.



2 **For each question, choose the correct answer.**

1 Making shoes has been Sascha's hobby
- A for eight years.
- B since she was nine.
- C for three years.

2 The first course that Sascha did in shoe making was
- A an online course.
- B four days long.
- C ten days long.

3 What did Sascha like most about the courses?
- A having fun with the other students
- B getting lots of shoes
- C having such good teachers

4 The shoes that Sascha is working on now are made from
- A old jeans.
- B old handbags.
- C old dresses.

5 In the future, Sascha would like to be
- A a shoe designer.
- B a home designer.
- C a clothes designer.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Before you read the text, look at the title and the photo to get an idea of what it's about.
- You should always answer all the questions. If you aren't sure what the correct answer to

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