

READING

- 1 Look at the photos. In pairs, discuss the question: What do you think these three people do? What do you think their favourite places are?

B



Artists' FAVOURITE PLACES



A



1

Gemma Blake, *painter*

Last summer, I spent four weeks on the north-west coast of Scotland in a little house by the sea. In the evenings, I sat by the open window and listened to the sound of the wind and the waves. It was wonderful. After breakfast, when I went out to paint and draw, I always had lots of ideas for pictures. Most days, I didn't see anyone except my neighbour. He was a fisherman. He really liked my work, and I sold him a drawing for his wall.

2

Susie Grey, *singer-songwriter*

I grew up in a small town in Canada. My grandma took me for walks and told me everything about the animals and plants there. When I was 19, I went to music school in Toronto. At first, I loved the big city. Then I started writing my own songs about, guess what, nature in and around my home town. So, five years ago, I moved back, and now I don't want to live anywhere else.

3

Paul Davidson, *dancer*

I started dancing when I was very young. It was hard work, but I was good, and I danced with famous companies in Russia, the USA and Europe. I didn't really have a home, so when I had enough money I bought a tiny flat in London. I love it there. The world of dance is busy and tiring, and it's great to be able to get back to my flat. I close the door, lie on my bed and listen to music.

C



- 2 Read the article. Match the photos A-C to the artists in the article. What is each artist's favourite place?

A



B



C



3 Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 What did Gemma hear when she sat next to the open window?
- 2 What did she do in the mornings?
- 3 What did the fisherman buy from her?
- 4 What did Susie learn from her grandma?
- 5 Why and when did she move away from home?
- 6 What does she write songs about?
- 7 Why did Paul travel to so many countries?
- 8 What did he spend his money on?
- 9 What does he do when he gets home?



TALKING POINTS

Where is your favourite place? Why?
Describe it to your partner.

PREPARE SECOND EDITION LEVEL 2

UNIT 8 VOCABULARY: PLUS

- 1 Put the letters in the correct order to make words for furniture and decorations. 2 Complete the table with the missing verbs to make free-time activities. You have the first letter of each verb.

- 1 hiaarrmc *armchair*
- 2 omirrr
- 3 kbtlnae
- 4 tcshe fo sdrreaw
- 5 lpma
- 6 bklfhoose
- 7 ppshhaoortg
- 8 cterap
- 9 suhnico
- 10 cnruista
- 11 crpdbauo

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pictures	a blog; a diary; music; songs; stories	computer games; the drums; the guitar music;
⁴ r	⁵ l to	⁶ p
magazines; a blog; a diary; stories	music	pictures