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## Leisure and pleasure



## Starting off

Work in pairs.

- 1 What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
- 2 Which of the activities in the photos have you done? Which would you like to try?
- 3 Which of the activities do you think is ...
  - a the most enjoyable?
  - b the cheapest?
  - c the healthiest?
  - d the most relaxing?
  - e the least active?
  - f the best one to do with friends?
  - g the most popular among young people?
- 4 Why do you think the people in the photos have decided to do these activities?

1. Playing video games
2. Surfing
3. Photography or taking pictures
4. Playing the guitar
5. Shopping
6. Skydiving



## Listening Part 2

- 1 Complete the sentences about advantages and disadvantages of using social media with the words in the box. There are two words that you don't need to use.

concentrate contribute develop  
distract encourage make provide  
require solve waste

## 8 reasons for and against social media

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| 1 It can ..... people to work together more.                                  | 5 It may ..... people lie about themselves.                           |
| 2 It can ..... people's social skills.                                        | 6 It can ..... you from your studies.                                 |
| 3 It doesn't ..... a lot of money to be a successful social media influencer. | 7 It can ..... a platform for cyberbullies and online trolls.         |
| 4 It can help people to ..... problems together.                              | 8 People may ..... time doing something which may not be very useful. |

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## 2 Which sentences in Exercise 1 do you agree with? Why?

- In Listening Part 2, you hear a talk or lecture by one speaker. You must listen and complete ten sentences with between one and three words.
- You must write the word(s) you actually hear and try to spell the word(s) correctly.
- You will hear the recording twice.
- This part tests your ability to pick out and write down details, specific information and opinions.

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## 3 Work in pairs. You will hear a man called Scott Kirkland talking about his life as a video blogger, or 'vlogger'. Before you listen, read the sentences below and decide what type of information you need to complete each sentence.



It was while Scott was working as a (1) ..... that he decided on a change of career.

Scott chose to move to Thailand after speaking to his (2) .....

The biggest advantage of living in Thailand,

according to Scott, was that the (3) ..... was cheap.

Scott originally expected his first video to be watched (4) ..... times.

Scott describes the way he organised his channel before creating the series "Travelling for Beginners" as (5) .....

Scott says that his audience appreciated the (6) ..... in his videos.

Scott paid for his (7) ..... when he reviewed the Grand Paradise hotel resort.

Scott felt (8) ..... when he was first approached by sponsors.

Scott describes speaking at a travel conference as his (9) ..... achievement.

Scott says (10) ..... is the most important personal quality for his success.

4 Now listen to the talk. For questions 1–10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

5 Does the life of a travel vlogger appeal to you? What might some of the challenges be?

6 Work in groups. You have decided to create your own video series about learning English. Think about the following points and create a plan for your vlog.

- 1 What is the aim of your vlog?
- 2 What content will you include in each of your videos?
- 3 Where will your videos be set?
- 4 How many people will appear in your videos and what will their roles be?
- 5 What equipment will you need to make your videos?
- 6 How will you make money from your video series and who might your sponsors be?

7 Present your plan to the class.



## TEST



### 1 Choose the correct phrase in *italics* from Listening Part 2, Exercise 4. Then listen and check your answers.



- 1 I've gone from being stuck in a boring office job to something *far more* / *much* fulfilling: travelling the world and making videos for a living.
- 2 I knew it was time for something *much more* / *so more* rewarding.
- 3 I'd always had a strong desire to go travelling, so I set about researching the *better* / *best* places online.
- 4 Nevertheless, I really enjoyed making them and persevered with developing something a *bit more* / *some more* structured.
- 5 This then led to *bigger* / *the biggest* and *better* / *the best* things.
- 6 It wasn't long before sponsors came knocking at my door, offering *much* / *so more* money than I'd been making from my review videos.
- 7 The *more* / *most* memorable, though, was when I was invited to speak at an annual travel conference in New York.
- 8 Be prepared to work *much harder* / *more hardly* than you've ever done before, but, *most* / *so* importantly, don't forget to have fun!

### 2 Exam candidates often make mistakes with comparisons.



Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- 1 There are lots of ways to keep fit, but I think the healthier of all is Zumba.
- 2 Playing chess is more cheaper than playing video games.
- 3 Team games are more sociable that biking because you meet and speak to a lot of people.
- 4 When you play chess, you have to think more hardly than when you're playing video games.
- 5 I don't go window shopping as often than I used to.
- 6 For me, parachute jumping is the more risky of all sports.
- 7 Speaking for myself, I find team sports the less interesting.
- 8 Mountain biking is more good for getting exercise than most sports.

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective in brackets.

- 1 Some people argue that teenagers are much ..... (focus) on becoming online celebrities than they are on their studies. What do you think?
- 2 Some people say that social media is making us ..... (lazy) than older generations. Do you agree?
- 3 The eSports industry is estimated to be worth over \$1 billion. Do you think they will be ..... (popular) as real-life sports in the future?
- 4 Is it ..... (good) to shop online or in a store?

### 4 Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 3.