

VOCABULARY

Verbs for making things

1 Match the verbs to their meanings.

- 1 create _____
- 2 customise _____
- 3 design _____
- 4 decorate _____
- 5 sew _____
- 6 fix _____
- 7 rebuild _____
- 8 recycle _____
- 9 mend _____

- a make or repair clothes by joining cloth using a needle and thread
- b repair something that is broken or not working properly
- c change something to make it suitable for a particular person or purpose
- d make something that has never existed before
- e draw or plan
- f repair clothes that are broken or torn
- g add attractive things to something
- h collect used paper, glass, plastic and other things and use them again
- i build again

2 Choose the correct answer for each sentence.

- 1 I'm going to _____ a new type of pocket to go inside trousers!
a design b rebuild c mend
- 2 Oh, no! I've just broken my phone. I'd better take it back to the shop and see if they can _____ it.
a create b customise c fix
- 3 One of my friends always _____ her school bags with pictures of her favourite actor.
a fixes b rebuilds c decorates
- 4 These little leather flowers are so pretty. I'm going to _____ a couple of them onto my new jacket.
a create b sew c decorate
- 5 My dad's an architect and he's _____ a completely new type of building.
a decorated b recycled c designed
- 6 My bike's very old and broken now, but I won't throw it away; I'll _____ it instead.
a recycle b design c create

3 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the correct form. There is one verb in each set that you do not need.

- 1 customise decorate design
fix sew

- A: This bag is so boring. I'd like to _____ it with something – like these red hearts, perhaps.
B: Why don't you put your name on it and _____ it completely?
A: Good idea! No one else will have one like it! I'll _____ some cool letters to put on it.
B: Good idea! And I'll _____ them on the bag for you.

- 2 design fix mend recycle sew

- A: Your bike isn't working again – you're going to have to _____ it.
B: Oh, not again. Look at it! I don't know who _____ this type of bike, but it's not very good.
A: Why don't you just _____ it and buy yourself a new one?
B: I think I'll _____ it one more time and save up for a new one.

- 3 create decorate rebuild recycle sew

- A: I think that we can use this material again, you know, _____ it.
B: Yes, we can _____ something completely new!
A: Like a dress, maybe? I can _____ the different pieces of material together.
B: OK, and I could _____ the pockets with little flowers in a pattern or something.

- 4 customise design mend
rebuild recycle

- A: That building's beautiful – that glass wall looks so amazing. Who _____ it?
B: No idea, but it looks like they are _____ part of it. Look, there's some stone and other things over there.
A: No, they haven't finished building it yet! And look! They're _____ it by sticking metal letters all over the walls. Maybe it's the company name...
B: Oh, yeah! It looks like they're using _____ materials, too – they're creating the letters from old bike parts!

READING

- 1 You are going to read an article about an artist called Haroshi. Read the article quickly. What is unusual about Haroshi's art?



PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading Part 4

- 2 Five sentences have been removed from the article. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.
- A Other skateboarders threw theirs away when this happened, but Haroshi didn't because they were important to him.
 - B Using this material isn't the only interesting thing about his work, though.
 - C When he stopped skateboarding, he needed to find a new way to fill his time.
 - D While he was doing this, he realised that he could create something new from something old.
 - E Haroshi took this idea and does something similar in his own work.
 - F He saw these sculptures and decided to do something completely different.
 - G Haroshi had no formal training in art, and each piece of work took a very long time because of this.
 - H He asked their opinions about what he was doing and they gave him their old skateboards, too.



EXAM TIPS

- If you don't understand some of the words in the text, don't worry: just read for the general meaning.
- Read the sentences before and after each gap carefully before you choose your answer.

- 3 Match the **highlighted** words and phrases in the article to the meanings.

- 1 person
- 2 be different from each other
- 3 in the end, especially after a long time
- 4 joined with glue
- 5 very interested or enthusiastic

Haroshi's skateboard Sculptures

Japanese artist, Haroshi, creates amazing sculptures from old skateboards.

Haroshi began skateboarding when he was 15 years old and loved it. He went every day and used many skateboards, each of which **eventually** broke from being used so much. ¹ Over time, he built up a large collection of them. While he was doing so, he learned about different types of skateboard, which not only **vary** in size and shape but can be built in different ways, too. By the time he was 25, Haroshi had an enormous number of old skateboards.

Keen to do something with them, Haroshi started to cut them up. As he was doing so, he noticed interesting patterns in the wood. He cut up more boards and **stuck** them on top of each other. ² The first thing he produced from the old wood was a piece of jewellery, but he later became known for his huge 3D sculptures. His ideas came from skateboarding culture, ranging from skateboarding cats to cool trainers, and a variety of other everyday subjects. ³ What this showed was that he had a huge amount of natural talent and was **keen** to show his work to the world.

Haroshi's work has been seen in several exhibitions, where everything from an enormous bird to a **figure** of a man in pain have been on display. One sculpture, called *Ordinary life*, looks like a broken leg – a reality of skateboarding – and it is incredible to think that Haroshi designs and creates each sculpture from old wood. ⁴ In the twelfth century, a Japanese sculptor called Unkei placed a glass ball in each of his sculptures, to show that each piece had a heart. ⁵ Inside each of his sculptures is a piece of broken skateboard. This, Haroshi believes, is what gives his sculptures life.

