

## SPEAKING

- 1** In pairs, prepare an interview. One of you is a journalist. The other has an unusual hobby. Use the examples of unusual hobbies in the box, or you can choose your own.

dog training    fencing    jewellery making  
remote-controlled vehicles

In the interview, the journalists must ask at least five questions:

Tell me about...  
How long have you...?  
When did you...?  
How do you feel about...?  
Why did you...?  
How did you get the idea to...?  
Are you glad you...?



- 2** Practise your interview. Then, role-play your interview in front of the class.

## GIVING OPINIONS AND REASONS

- 1** Listen to a conversation about different activities. Which activity do both people like?

- 2** Complete the conversation with words from the box. Listen again and check.

about    do    do    don't    fun    going    love  
prefer    think    what

**Girl:** <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you like swimming?

**Boy:** Yes, I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It's fun. What <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you?

**Girl:** No, I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ like swimming. I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it's boring. But I love <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema. It's really interesting. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ do you think?

**Boy:** No, I think going to the cinema is expensive. I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to watch films at home. My favourite activity is cycling. Do you think cycling is <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

**Girl:** Yes, I do. I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cycling!

 **3** We often give reasons to explain our opinions.  
Listen to three people giving reasons for their opinions. Choose the reason that each person gives.

- 1** I like travelling because
  - A** you meet interesting people.
  - B** you learn about different countries.
- 2** I don't like skateboarding because
  - A** it's dangerous.
  - B** it's boring.
- 3** I love this computer game because
  - A** it's exciting.
  - B** I'm very good at it.

#### KEY LANGUAGE AND IDEAS FOR GIVING OPINIONS AND REASONS

##### Asking for opinions:

*Do you like ...?*

*Do you think ... is / are (fun / interesting / exciting ...)?*

*Do you prefer ... or ...?*

*What about you?*

*What do you think?*

##### Giving opinions:

*I think ... is / are (boring / difficult ...)*

*I don't think ... is / are (dangerous / expensive ...)*

*For me, ... is (fun / interesting ...)*

##### Giving reasons:

*I like ... because ...*

*I think ... is interesting because ...*

Use *is* with singular nouns and *are* with plural nouns:

*Do you think camping **is** fun?*

*I think video games **are** fun.*

Use *I don't think* + a positive verb:

*I **don't think** reading **is** interesting. NOT ~~I think it isn't very interesting.~~*

*I **don't think** football is fun. NOT ~~I think football isn't fun.~~*

 **4** Complete the sentences with your own opinions and reasons. Listen and compare your ideas.

- 1** I like / don't like reading because ...
- 2** I love / hate football because ...
- 3** I like / don't like shopping because ...

