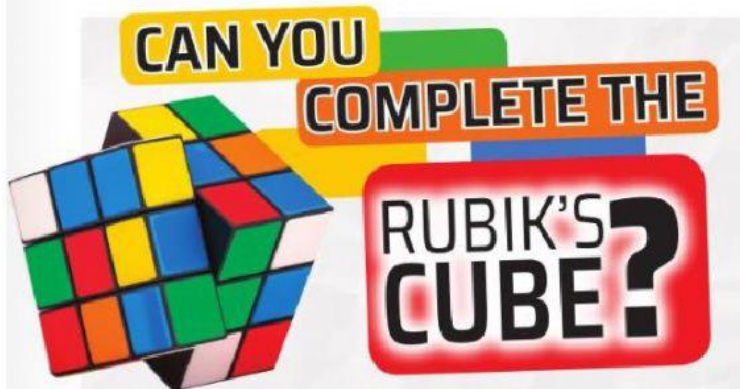


Read and complete the text with the words in light blue

become • study • call • be born • know • begin •
invent • play • love • find



A lot of children all over the world (1) ... with Rubik's Magic Cube every day. (2) ... you ... who invented it? Erno Rubik did. He (3) ... in Budapest, Hungary.

He (4) ... visual art and he (5) ... architecture. Then he (6) ... to work as a teacher. In 1974, Rubik (7) ... his cube, but he (8) ... it the 'Magic Cube'.

When Rubik first made the cube, he didn't know how to solve his new puzzle, but a month later, he (9) ... a solution. In 2007, a Frenchman (10) ... the first person to complete the cube in under ten seconds.

Listening

► Celebrities and their hobbies

- 7  1.08 Listen to the report and number the hobbies in the order you hear them.



collect *Star Wars* figures • do magic • play bingo •
play the piano • sing karaoke

- 8  1.08 Listen again. Are the statements true, false or not mentioned?

1. Robert Pattinson enjoys playing a musical instrument.
2. Robert refuses to play the piano in public.
3. Not many people know who Fernando Alonso is.
4. Fernando Alonso is fond of playing magic tricks for his friends.
5. Cristiano Ronaldo never meets his friends in his free time.
6. Cristiano Ronaldo is a professional gambler.
7. Leonardo DiCaprio is not keen on comics.
8. Penelope Cruz likes knitting in her free time.

UPGRADE

Fill in the blanks with only one word.

Nicole Kidman (1) ... a Hollywood film star.
She (2) ... adventure and trying new things.
She loves (3) ... sports. She often (4) ... skydiving.
She started skydiving a few years ago when she
saw a friend doing it. It (5) ... not very easy at first
but she learned and now enjoys skydiving every
weekend.

Vocabulary 2

► Character adjectives

1 Match some of the adjectives in blue with pictures 1–6.

jealous • confident • clumsy • talkative • curious •
unsociable • serious • honest • cautious • easygoing



3 Match some of the adjectives in exercise 1 with their antonyms.

1. friendly
2. silent
3. dishonest
4. shy

- 4 Complete the description with the correct adjectives from exercise 1.

My brother Peter hasn't got a lot of friends because he is very (1) ... and sometimes too (2) ...: he only talks to people he knows well. Besides, he isn't (3) ... and prefers to say only what is necessary. I am different, I am (4) ..., so I often ask people a lot of things: how old they are, where they live, who they live with, etc. My brother always wears grey or blue T-shirts. I don't look so (5) ... I love bright colours and unusual clothes. It's fun! There is another important difference: my brother has got a beautiful girlfriend. I don't, but I'm not (6) ... at all.

Grammar 2

► Gerunds

gerunds

Many people enjoy **watching** his films.
He doesn't like **being** famous.
What is he keen on **doing** in his free time?

- 10 Look at the sentences in the table and complete the rules.
- We use a gerund after some verbs such as: ...
or
 - We also use a gerund after some adjectives
+ prepositions, for example: *keen ... + -ing*;
interested ... + -ing.
- 11 Write sentences using gerunds.
- teenagers / enjoy / meet / friends.
 - old people / often / hate / travel.
 - Mary / not / good at / draw / cartoons.
 - I / keen on / play / computer games / friends.
 - some actors / not mind / sign / autographs.
- 12 Complete the questions with gerunds.
- Do you enjoy ... to music?
 - What kind of music do you like ... to?
 - What sport are you keen on ...?
 - Are you good at ... languages?

- 13**  Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 12.

 UPGRADE

Read the text and choose the correct words.

Mr and Mrs Lane are pensioners. They love (1) travelling / travel all over the world because they are keen (2) at / on learning about different cultures and (3) meet / meeting all sorts of people. Mrs Lane was a history teacher, so she really enjoys (4) to visit / visiting museums and art galleries. Mr Lane was a language teacher so he likes (5) talking / talks to people from other countries. They usually travel by plane but they don't (6) mind / love travelling by train or by bus.