

LIKES AND DISLIKES

Todd: So, Meg, what do you like to do in your free time?

Meg: Actually, I love cooking. I like to try new dishes and I love baking as well.

Todd: Oh, nice. That's interesting. Because I hate cooking.

Meg: Oh, really?

Todd: Yeah. And I don't know anything about baking, but I like cleaning. Cleaning is relaxing.

Meg: Really? Is that true?

Todd: Yeah. Really, I like cleaning. So, my house is usually very clean.

Meg: My house is usually clean also, but I don't like cleaning very much.

Todd: Yeah, I think most people don't like cleaning. But some people think cleaning is relaxing. Like me.

Meg: That's true. What else do you like to do?

Todd: Well, I like exercising. I like going to the gym. I like listening to podcasts. So, I listen to a lot of podcasts a lot. I like surfing the internet. And sometimes, I enjoy reading books.

Meg: I also enjoy reading books when I have time.

Todd: But these days, I often listen to books instead. I listen to audiobooks.

Meg: Oh really?

Todd: Yeah, I like listening to audiobooks.

Meg: Why?

Todd: Because I can exercise at the same time.

Meg: So, exercising and reading at the same time.

Todd: Yeah, it's fun. So, I love jogging and I go jogging almost every day, usually for one hour. I listen to audiobooks when I jog.

Meg: So, you can do two things at once.

Todd: Very important. Multitasking. I love multitasking.

Meg: Sounds like you're good at multitasking.

Todd: Let's talk about outdoor activities. Do you like doing yard work?

Meg: I don't especially like doing yard work. But right now, I don't have a yard. So, doing yard work isn't something I have to worry about. What about you?

Todd: I like doing yard work. I think it's very relaxing. It's like cleaning. So, I enjoy it. But like you, I don't have a yard. So, now I don't do yard work very much. Or I can't do yard work.

Meg: So, you like gardening if you have a yard?

Todd: Yeah. I grew up on a big house. So, we have lots of yard work, lots of gardening. So, yeah.

Meg: Right.

Todd: But what about other things like hiking, do you like hiking?

Meg: I love hiking. Anything that is in nature, I love doing. I love hiking. I love kayaking. I love canoeing. Any outdoor sports. Do you like hiking?

Todd: I do. I'm with you. I love hiking. What about things like rock climbing?

Meg: I have never been rock climbing. Have you gone rock climbing?



Todd: No. Rock climbing looks dangerous. So, I'm still **scared**.

Meg: Yeah,

Todd: So, **I've never done rock climbing either**. What about things like singing and dancing? Do you enjoy singing and dancing?

Meg: I enjoy singing, but I'm not very good at it. So, I like singing when I'm **alone** or in my car. Are you good at singing?

Todd: No, I'm terrible at singing. So, I hate singing. I really, really hate singing. But I like going to karaoke and listening to people sing.

Meg: Yeah, some people are really good at singing. What about dancing?

Todd: I hate dancing too. Yeah, I'm not good at dancing. So, dancing is very **embarrassing for me**. I don't like it.

Meg: I'm not good at dancing **either**.

Todd: Are there any other activities you really **dislike doing**? Like for me, I hate **writing letters**. For example, I don't like writing thank you letters. I don't like writing anything with my **hand**. Typing is okay. I **don't mind** typing things, but I **hate writing**.

Meg: So, using your hand to write, you hate writing?

Todd: Yeah, I like **typing**. **Fingers** is okay. **Thumb** is okay on the phone. I don't mind **texting**, I **don't mind typing**. I just don't like **physically** writing with a pencil or a pen.

Meg: Yeah. Pen or a pencil, like writing a letter.

Todd: Right. Because my writing is really bad, and it's hard to read. So, it's **embarrassing**.

Meg: I'm sure it's fine.

Todd: Yeah. How about you? For example, do you like **iron in** your clothes?

Meg: I don't like having my clothes, but my clothes usually don't need **ironing**, so I don't have **to worry** about it too much. I don't like **doing laundry**. It's related **to ironing clothes**. So, it **takes a long time**. And the clothes, I have to **dry** the clothes. So, doing laundry is a little bit **boring for me**.

Todd: I don't mind doing laundry if I go to the coin laundry, but I hate hanging my laundry out. I hate hanging out my laundry. It *takes forever*. I don't know why, you put it out, you take it back in, it just takes so much time.

Meg: That's funny. *I'm kind of the opposite*. I don't mind hanging out my laundry, because I like saving money, so I don't have to use money at the coin laundry.

Todd: Plus, you are helping the environment.

Meg: That's true. I like helping the earth.

Todd: Yeah, I should change. Okay. Thanks Meg.

Meg: Yeah.

Questions about the text

Your teacher is going to ask ten questions related to the text. You must answer them orally.

- 1.What do you like to do in your free time?
- 2.What does Meg doesn't like to do?
- 3.Do you think exercising is important? Why?
- 4.According to the text tell me three things Todd hates doing.
5. Some people are multitasking, that means that they can do many things at the same time. Are you a multitasking person? Tell me what you can do at the same time.
- 6.Do you enjoy listening to podcasts? Why?
- 7.What does Meg like to do in her free time?

8. Meg and Todd described many housechores/house activities that they like and don't like doing. Which ones do you enjoy doing in your house? Which one do you hate doing?

9. Who cooks in your house? Are you a good cook?

10. Where did you grow up?