

GRAMMAR & PHONETICS

1 Use the present simple or future simple form of each verb in brackets to complete the passage.

There are four people in my family. We (1. have) _____ different hobbies. My father (2. like) _____ playing badminton. He (3. play) _____ it almost every day. My mother (4. not like) _____ this sport. She (5. enjoy) _____ walking. Every morning she (6. walk) _____ for about two kilometres. Next year, I (7. join) _____ her. My younger sister (8. love) _____ reading books. There is a big bookshelf in her room. I (9. not like) _____ her books because they are usually picture books. She says she (10. read) _____ other kinds of books when she is older.

/ə/ and /ɜ:/ . Write (1) or (2)

☐ bird-watching	☐ answer
☐ away	☐ neighbour
☐ burn	☐ singer
☐ hurt	☐ heard
☐ birth	☐ common

2 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or future simple form of the verbs.

- Ngoc (love) _____ cartoons, but she says she (not/continue) _____ this hobby in the future.
- They usually (take) _____ a lot of beautiful photos.
- What (your brother/do) _____ in his free time?
- I think 10 years from now more people (enjoy) _____ gardening.
- _____ you (do) _____ morning exercise every day?
- _____ you still (play) _____ badminton next year?

VOCABULARY

1 Match the correct verbs with the hobbies. Some hobbies may be used with more than one verb.

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| 1. go | a. TV |
| 2. do | b. bottles |
| 3. collect | c. photos |
| 4. play | d. mountain climbing |
| 5. take | e. horse-riding |
| 6. watch | f. the piano |
| | g. gymnastics |
| | h. badminton |
| | i. camping |
| | j. dolls |

Look out!

When you give your opinion about something, you can use:
find sth/doing sth + adj or think (that) sth/doing sth is + adj.

- I find making pottery _____ because _____.
- I think dancing is _____ because _____.
- I find ice-skating _____ because _____.
- I think making models is _____ because _____.
- I find carving wood _____ because _____.

2 Complete the sentences with appropriate hobbies.

1. If you have a lot of bottles, dolls or stamps, your hobby is _____.
2. If you spend time watching birds in nature, your hobby is _____.
3. If you like playing monopoly or chess, your hobby is _____.
4. If you always buy flowers and put them in a vase to display in your house, your hobby is _____.
5. If you spend most of your free time making vases or bowls from clay, your hobby is _____.
6. If you enjoy moving your body to music, your hobby is _____.

3 Fill in each blank in the sentences with one hobby or one action verb from the box below.

Hobbies	Action Verbs
listening to music	listen
gardening	plant
fishing	catch
painting	swim
swimming	paint

1. I like _____. There is a pool near my house, so I go there four times a week and _____. It is fun because you can play in the water and keep fit at the same time.
2. I always _____ to Ngoc's songs. I love the sweet melodies. At home I have to use my headphones because my parents don't like loud noise. _____ is my favourite hobby.
3. I love being outdoors with the trees and flowers. There is a small garden behind my house. I _____ flowers and vegetables there. I like _____ a lot.
4. My father and I share the same hobby. At weekends, we usually go to a small lake in Ha Tay. It's exciting when you can _____ some fish for dinner. We love _____!
5. My sister's favourite hobby is _____. She is very creative and she _____ very well. I like the colours in her pictures.

4 Put one of the verbs from the box in each blank. Use the correct form of the verb.

do collect listen play go read

1. My sister _____ to pop music every day.
2. They _____ shopping for food on Sundays.
3. My mum wants to keep fit, so she _____ tennis three times a week.
4. Do they _____ newspapers in the mornings?
5. My grandparents _____ exercise in their free time.
6. It is interesting to _____ tree leaves from different countries.

5 Read the sentences below and use no more than three words from the text to complete them.

1. Nick's father enjoys _____.
2. He took up this hobby when he came back home from _____.
3. He learned to carve from _____.
4. Nick thinks you can learn to carve if you have _____.
5. Carved eggshells can be used as _____ for your family and friends.

Now, read about Nick's father's unusual hobby and check your answers.

My father has an unusual hobby; carving eggshells. As everyone knows, eggshells are very fragile. My dad can make beautiful pieces of art from empty eggshells. It's amazing!

He started the hobby five years ago after a trip to the US where he saw some carved eggshells in an art gallery. My father did not go to class to learn how to carve. He learned everything from the Internet.

Some people say that this hobby is difficult and boring, but it isn't. All you need is time. It may take two weeks to complete one shell. I find this hobby interesting because carved eggshells are unique gifts for family and friends. I hope that in the future he'll teach me how to do eggshell carving.