

TOPIC 1: LEISURE ACTIVITIES

PRACTICE READING

Read the following passage and then choose the best answer

Nowadays, leisure activities are totally different from the past. Many people no longer enjoy(1)..... in outdoor activities after school. In stead, they(2).....playing computer games or (3)..... the web in their free time. Some people (4).....too much on computer and the Internet. For example, they prefer(5) .....messages to having a face-to-face conversation with friends. Even when people (6).....out with their friends, they rarely talk but they use their phones to surf web. However, many people dislike the Internet and the(7).....world. They hate to waste time on the computer and(8).....other activities such as reading, shopping or sporting.

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| 1. A. participate | B. to participate | C. participating | D. participates |
| 2. A. fancy       | B. don't mind     | C. dislike       | D. hate         |
| 3. A. sailing     | B. surfing        | C. swimming      | D. diving       |
| 4. A. play        | B. rely           | C. addict        | D. use          |
| 5. A. send        | B. to send        | C. to sending    | D. sends        |
| 6. A. play        | B. rely           | C. meet          | D. hang         |
| 7. A. virtual     | B. real           | C. fake          | D. new          |
| 8. A. dislike     | B. detest         | C. enjoy         | D. mind         |

Read the following passage and then choose true (T) or False (F)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES IN BRITAIN

The weekends area a time for many leisure activities in Britain. British people often have to work five days a week from Monday to Friday is the precious time for family and friends. People enjoy various indoor and outdoor activities in Britain. According to the EU's statistical office, British people spend abot 45% of their free time watching television, 24% of their free time socialising , 22-23% on sport and hobbies, and 10% on other activities. Other popular leisure activities are listening to the radio, listening to pre-recorded music, reading, DIY, garedning, eating out and going to the cinema.

The most common leisure activity in the UK is watching television. The average viewing time is 25 hours per person per week. Almost all households have at least one television set. The second most popular activity in Britain is visiting or entertaining friends or relations. Another popular leisure activity is gardening. The British are known as a nation of gardeners. Most people have a garden on their property. Every town in Britain has one or more DIY centers and garden centres. These are like supermarkets for the home and garden. These places are very popular with British home-owners at the weekends.

| Statements                                                                                      | True or False |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. People enjoy various indoor activities Britain.                                              | _____         |
| 2. British people spend more than half of their free time watching television.                  | _____         |
| 3. The most common leisure activity in the UK is visiting or entertaining friends or relations. | _____         |
| 4. All house holds have at least one television set.                                            | _____         |
| 5. British people are all gardeners.                                                            | _____         |
| 6. All towns in Britain have one or more DIY centers and garden centres.                        | _____         |