

**Instructions:**

*You are given a piece of text which is divided into sections, and a set of questions with choices A, B, or C.*

*For each question choose the section which holds the correct answer.*

## Painting

**A - Ralph**

I've been painting since I was eleven. I started because my sister used to paint and I wanted to be like her. My teacher soon realised that I was quite talented and encouraged me by showing my paintings to the rest of the class. I won a prize for the best painting in the school competition when I was twelve. That's when I started to have more confidence, more belief in myself, which I didn't have when I started. Now I'm much more relaxed in the way I paint.

**B - Steve**

My friend used to have a hobby where he carved things in soap. It looked quite easy, so I decided to have a go. I still carve sometimes, but then my interests moved on to painting. What I like best is being able to make something flat look realistic. Carving is different because what you carve has to look right from all sides. The pleasure I get from both activities is very similar. I can disconnect and relax while focusing on my work.

**C - Josh**

I have been going to art school for about four years now, and I can't say that I'm excited by the progress I am making. I seem to be at the same stage I was at a couple of years ago. Things were different in the beginning. I applied the ideas my teacher explained, and I noticed an almost immediate improvement. But then I seemed to hit a brick wall. My teacher has noticed this and we've talked about it, but I can't seem to find a solution.

**QUESTIONS**

1) Who does another activity besides painting?

A

B

C

2) Who lacked confidence in the beginning?

A

B

C

3) Who doesn't feel things are going well?

A

B

C

4) Who followed the footsteps of a family member?

A

B

C

5) Whose skill earned an award?

A

B

C

6) Who uses this activity to relieve stress?

A

B

C

7) Who has discussed a problem with another person?

A

B

C