Practice Activities!

1 Listen and fill in the gaps:

What did you like the most about your school?

Well, if you _____ – if you're talking about my primary school – the _____ I liked were my teachers. I don't know if it was just because I was a kid at the time but they were really warm and friendly – and it was some of my teachers _____ – that inspired me to have a life-long passion for reading. I remember in particular one teacher – I can't remember her name – it was Mrs. Riley or something – and she would always encourage me to read books, _____ me books, talk about books with me. And that really got me _____ books at a time when I was really _____ .

2 Listen and correct the mistakes:

Do you stay in contact with old school friends?

Not really, I've got one better friend back in the United States, but we don't actually walk all that much anymore.

He recently got married and we used to be best buddies, we would hang out as school, we'd go buy pizza together,

we'd ride around together, we chatted about girls and about school and about our future – all this stuff – but since I've moved to Vietnam we've kind of known apart and we're not really as closely as we used to been.

3 Listen and add in the grammar:

What were your best subjects in school?

I – 1 (do not have) _____that many good subjects at all but I –2 (is) _____really good in literature because I – 3 (read) _____ a lot so it just – 4 (come) naturally to me. I –5 (is) _____ also good in history. I never – 6 (study) _____ but I – 7 (listen) _____ in class and I – 8 (have) _____ like a, like a brilliant memory, almost like a photographic memory but not quite. And I – 9 (can) _____ just – 10 (remember) _____ dates and names and everything – simple! So I never – 11 (have) _____ to study but I always – 12 (get) top marks in history. And besides that I –13 (is) _____ good in gym because I – 14 (is) _____ very athletic but even if – 15 (you are) _____ not athletic – 16 (it is) _____ easy to get good marks when – 17 (you are)

_____ in gym. I – 18 (is not) _____good at math or the sciences or anything like that – things where you actually – 19 (have) _____ to – 20 (put) _____ in real work, I – 21 (is) _____ bad at those things.

4 Choose the correct options:

What do most students in your country do after school?

It's a big **country/county** so I can't really answer for everyone but the school I used to go to – most kids would play **sport/sports** after school. So girls **used to/usually** played soccer and depending on the **season/reason** guys would play basketball or soccer or hockey. If you weren't doing that, there was like an after-school recreational community 'club' where a lot of outcasts in High School **could/would** go to play computer games or do art or something like that. Some kids would just **head/lead** home – that's what I did most of the time. I wanted to get home, play computer games – be alone. So I'd just head home if I wasn't hanging out with a friend or something like **this/that**. I think there might have also been some after-school classes but they're actually not that **commonplace/common** in America. Most people when they

finish school, they're done with school and they're moving on to do something **fun/funny** after school.