

## Topic vocabulary: Preference

## A Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Although she would have preferred to carry on working, my mum ..... her career in order to have children.  
A devoted                      B repealed                      C sacrificed                      D abolished
- 2 I find the offer quite ....., but I think I'd rather study at Oxford.  
A tempting                      B desirous                      C inclined                      D envious
- 3 I don't normally like noisy clubs, but I had a sudden ..... to see what the Blue Parrot was like.  
A force                      B motive                      C pressure                      D impulse
- 4 Jerry loves snowboarding so much that it's almost like a drug .....  
A passion                      B obsession                      C addiction                      D requirement
- 5 I don't want to do the course in applied statistics, but it's .....  
A compulsory                      B inevitable                      C bound                      D indecisive
- 6 Don't worry about me – I'm quite ..... to sit here and wait for you to come back.  
A ecstatic                      B delighted                      C joyful                      D content
- 7 When I was pregnant, I often got a sudden ..... for tinned sardines.  
A preference                      B craving                      C envy                      D greed
- 8 Thank you for thinking of us, but I'm afraid we're going to have to ..... your kind invitation.  
A decline                      B deny                      C condemn                      D reject
- 9 I've never seen anyone so ..... to their job as Philip is.  
A eager                      B keen                      C dedicated                      D interested
- 10 Why do you have such a ..... with model railways?  
A desire                      B fascination                      C love                      D preference
- 11 I wish you would stop wasting so much time on computer games and do something a little more .....  
A welcome                      B enviable                      C feasible                      D worthwhile
- 12 Olivia has always ..... to return to the country she was born in.  
A favoured                      B yearned                      C urged                      D inclined

## B Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

adore • appeal • bear • delight • differentiate • fancy • favour • praise  
resolve • strive • urge • welcome

- 1 Trisha suggested going to Indonesia, but the idea didn't really ..... to me.
- 2 Young children seem to ..... in showing things they've made at school to their parents.
- 3 Francis obviously ..... his three children and will do anything for them.
- 4 I think I just ..... getting a DVD and staying in tonight.
- 5 The firefighters ..... Mrs Collins for her quick thinking when the fire broke out.
- 6 We would ..... anyone who values personal freedom to vote against this proposal.
- 7 The Prime Minister ..... the suggestion from the leader of the opposition and said that the government would consider it carefully.
- 8 I don't know how Liz can ..... to work at that place.
- 9 It's important to have clear goals to ..... towards.
- 10 Parents should try to treat all their children equally and not ..... one over another.
- 11 It's quite easy to ..... between margarine and butter because butter has a creamier taste.
- 12 The Board of Directors has ..... to increase sales by at least 20% over the coming year.

## C Circle the correct word.

- 1 Share your chocolate with your brother and don't be so **greedy** / **obsessed**.
- 2 Claudia's completely **greedy** / **obsessed** with Jack and doesn't talk about anything else these days.
- 3 I smiled in **anticipation** / **aspiration** as the waiter brought the desserts to our table.
- 4 Joining the Air Force has always been an **anticipation** / **aspiration** of mine.
- 5 These two day trips are included in the price of the tour, while the third is **arbitrary** / **optional** and costs 50 euros extra.
- 6 We don't have any information about the hotels, so we'll just have to make an **arbitrary** / **optional** decision.
- 7 If you look at Madeleine's house, it's obvious she has a lot of **liking** / **taste**.
- 8 I've always had a **liking** / **taste** for Naomi, ever since she moved in next door.
- 9 Life in this small town is really quite **mediocre** / **mundane** and I can't wait to move to the big city.
- 10 I thought her latest book was **mediocre** / **mundane** compared to the others, which I really enjoyed.
- 11 Eva got everything she had ever **envied** / **desired** when she married a rich businessman.
- 12 I **envy** / **desire** people who can just walk into a room full of strangers and feel at home.

## Topic vocabulary: Leisure activities

## D If the word in bold is correct, put a tick. If it is incorrect, replace it with one of the words in bold from the other sentences.

- 1 It should be quite a **sedentary** event, so don't dress up too much. ....
- 2 Without enough leisure time, people begin to suffer from stress and **solitude**. ....
- 3 I get 25 days a year **venue**, which is probably about average. ....
- 4 The new Arts Centre should be a great **outing** for concerts. ....
- 5 Last time I had a day off, we went on a family **lifestyle** to the beach. ....
- 6 Kids just wouldn't fit in with my **fatigue**, so I don't plan to have any at the moment. ....
- 7 I like to be quite active when I've got time off because my job is quite **absorbing**. ....
- 8 I find nothing so relaxing as reading a really **casual** book. ....
- 9 Work's so **tedious** that I can't wait to meet my friends in the evening. ....
- 10 The most relaxing things about getting away to the mountains are the peace and **leave**. ....

## E Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

exhilarating • idle • indulge • pastime • pursue • recreation • respite • socialise • trivial • unwind

### The beginnings of modern leisure

During the first half of the nineteenth century, more and more people were employed in factories, working 14- or 15-hour days that left them little time for hobbies, sport or any other form of (1) ..... and meant they weren't able to (2) ..... with friends. A key breakthrough in Britain came with the Ten Hour Act (1847), which limited the working day and ensured that workers got some (3) ..... from their jobs. People now had at least some time to (4) ..... from work at the end of the day and (5) ..... themselves. Not everyone approved. Many members of the middle class hated the idea of the workers being (6) ..... and believed that they would waste their time on (7) ..... matters instead of (8) ..... productive activities, such as education or going to church. The workers, however, found the new freedom (9) ..... and threw themselves into new (10) ..... with enthusiasm.