

UNIT 1: MY HOBBIES
Skills 1

Exercise 1: Match the meaning with the words.

skydiving (n)



an organization for helping
people in need.

charity (n)



a sport in which a person
jumps from an aircraft and falls
for as long as possible before
opening the parachute.

Exercise 2: Read the email and answer the question.

To: chris365@gmail.com

Subject: Charity skydive

Hi Chris,

What are you doing next Saturday?

Our annual charity skydive is coming up. If you are free, do you want to join us?

We're meeting outside the supermarket near the airfield at 2 p.m. The jump will take place at 3 p.m. The jump will raise money for a local charity to help poor children. There will be 12 jumpers, including you, if you come. We have prepared all safety equipment to wear.

I know you enjoyed doing the charity skydive last year. Let me know if you can come by Tuesday. I'm sure we'll have a really good time.

See you soon,
Pheobe

1. What is the email about?

- a. Trying to skydrive.
- b. Doing a skydive for charity.
- c. Learning to skydive.

2. What time are they meeting?

- a. 2:30 p.m.
- b. 3 p.m.
- c. 2 p.m.

3. Where are they meeting?

- a. At the airfield
- b. At the supermarket
- c. At the charity skydrive

4. The local charity helps _____.

5. There will be _____ people, including Chris, if he comes.

6. If Chris joins the skydrive, he should answer the email by _____.

Exercise 3: Read the text and fill in the blank.

Runner

Skateboard

Rock climber

Sam, _____

I started running about a year ago. At first, I just ran one or two kilometers, but now I do about 10 kilometers. My speed is improving too. I've joined a running club in the town center. I didn't know any members before, but now most of them are my mates. My dad was a keen runner when he was younger. He was fit, but he stopped when he hurt his leg. I need to order some new running shoes - just a simple pair. I don't think the expensive ones make you run faster.

Christine, _____

I go skateboarding most evenings in the park. I suppose that's quite a lot, but the park is only a minute or two from our apartment, and I only stay there half an hour. I stay longer when my friends are there. Sometimes my cousin's there too. He's a beginner, and I'm teaching him a few moves. He's starting to get really good!

Elen, _____

Two of my best friends suggested I should start rock climbing, so now the three of us do it together. We go rock climbing once or twice a month, but I'd like to do it every week. When I started, I didn't know you need to get so much stuff - and it isn't exactly cheap. I really love it. I don't think I'll ever get bored of climbing.

Exercise 4: Read the text in Exercise 3 again and choose the correct answer. Sam (S), Christine (C), and Elen (E)

1. The person has made new friends because of their hobby:
2. The person does her hobby near her home:
3. The person says she's getting better at her hobby:
4. The person does her hobby with a family member:
5. The person says her hobby is more expensive than her thought.

Exercise 4: Read the text in Exercise 3 again and choose True (T) or False (F).

- a) Sam's father was a keen runner, but he didn't stop when he hurt his leg.
- b) Elen's friends suggested that she should start rock climbing.
- c) Sam wants to buy a simple, expensive pair of shoes to run faster.
- d) Christine's cousin is getting better after she teaches him a few moves.