



Ask your friend

what he / she likes to do in his / her free time (watch TV – **however** – not watch documentaries)

A: What do you like to do with your free time?

B: *I like to watch TV. **However**, I don't like to watch documentaries.*

1. what he / she is afraid of (**although** – not afraid of spiders – afraid of cockroaches)
2. what he / she enjoys doing in the winter (go ice-skating – **however** – not skiing)
3. what he / she likes about summer (**besides** the hot weather – likes going to the club)
4. what he / she wants to do on his / her next vacation (**even though** – always go to the beach – want to go to the mountains)
5. what he / she liked about that movie (liked the story – **but** – not the actors)
6. what he / she would like to do next year (live abroad – **therefore** – learn to speak a foreign language).



Celebrities

Brigham Young

Brigham Young was an American leader and he is very well known throughout the world. He was born in the state of Vermont, on June 1st, 1801. Early in life, before making his big accomplishments, Young worked as a carpenter and glazier. Surprisingly in some old houses in Auburn, N.Y., you can still find things that were built by Brigham Young. He was an early leader for the Mormon church back in the 19th century. He was considered one of the greatest pioneers in the western migration. Besides being a colonizer, he was also the first governor of the state of Utah. During the term as governor he directed the establishment of several settlements throughout Utah, Idaho, Nevada and parts of Colorado and northern New Mexico. Nevertheless, he contributed to the academic field as well by founding the Brigham Young Academy that later on would become one of the most renowned universities in the United States. Today, Brigham Young University located in the city of Provo, Utah, has over 30.000 students from 95 different countries.

1. Why is Bill Gates an asset to his area of business?
2. When did he first show an inclination to working with computers?
3. What would you imagine were aspects of his life that helped him find his vocation?



4. As the text mentions, there are contradictory ideas about Bill Gates. What is your opinion of him? Why?



You're the Best

Joe Esposito

Try to be best
'Cause you're only a man
And a _____'s gotta learn to take it

Try to believe
_____ the going gets rough
That you gotta hang tough to make it

History repeats itself
Try and you'll succeed
Never doubt that you're the one
And you can have your dreams

[You're the best around]

[Nothing's gonna ever keep you down]

Fight 'till the end
'Cause your life will depend



On the strength that you have inside you
Ah, gotta be proud
Standing out in the crowd
When the _____ and the _____ defy you

Try your best to win them all
And one day time will tell
When you're the one that's standing there
You'll reach the final bell

[Repeat]

Fight 'till you drop
_____ stop

Can't give up
'Till you reach the top (fight)

You're _____ (fight!)

Listen to that sound
A little bit of all you got
They'll never bring you down

[Repeat]



Justify your answers

1. Does democracy, as a political regime, present any problems?
2. What are the cons of living in a democracy?
3. Should press have freedom to write whatever they want?
4. Should voting be optional or mandatory?



Food for thought

Abraham Lincoln was invited to give a "*few appropriate remarks*" during a ceremony to dedicate a cemetery for Union soldiers killed at the battle of Gettysburg.

1. What do you know about Abraham Lincoln's life and work?
2. How do you think a leader such as a President makes his country more united?
3. What should a leader do to recognize his team's hard work?
4. Has your country ever had to go through a war?

Public
Speaking
Hint

Your speech must have an introduction,
a main idea and a conclusion.

Answers to the exercises:

1. Ask your friend

2. Justify your answers

3. Food for thought