

READING

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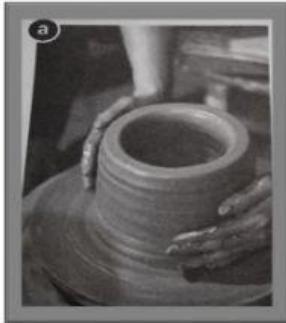


Listen to the audio :

1) Read and listen. Why is Libby doing lots of new activities?

- A) She has a lot of money
- B) She hates being bored
- C) She loves travelling
- D) She wants to gain more insights

2) Match the pictures with activities from the text.



a)



b)



c)

3) Match the words in **red** in the text with the definitions.

a) things you are afraid of	
b) high places	
c) control successfully	
d) things that you can do	
e) American word for underground train	

4) Read the text again. Circle the correct words.

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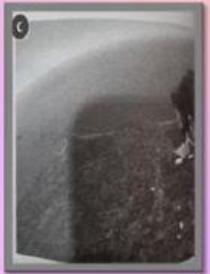
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a) Libby wants to do a new activity every
A) week B) month

b) She wants to try activities that people do
A) most B) few

c) She afraid of height places now.
A) is B) isn't

d) She sang on the subway to her
A) friends B) strangers

5) Answer the following questions. Write complete sentences.

1) What is Libby's job and where is she from ?

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2) What does Libby usually watch and play?

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3) Find three activities she wants to try.

The three activities she wants to try are

4) Apart from meeting new people, what else is Libby learning?

She's learning

LISTENING

Listen to some interviews about favourite activities. Match the people with the activities.

LEARNING TO LEARN

Read the questions carefully, and check the meaning of any words that you don't understand before you listen.

1) Jenny	a) cooking
2) Theo	b) football
3) Seb	c) dancing

2) Listen again and circle the correct answers.

1) Jenny likes

- a) salsa dancing
- b) surfing the internet
- c) cooking

2) Theo is on his way to

- a) the park
- b) a shop
- c) a concert

3) Theo is carrying a

- a) sitar
- b) football
- c) guitar

4) Seb is from

- a) Italy
- b) Manchester
- c) London

5) At the end, Matt is

- a) going back to the studio
- b) staying in Manchester
- c) hanging out with Seb

3) Write J (Jenny), T (Theo) or S (Seb).

1) Who has got a brother ?

2) Who is good at doing something?

3) Who hasn't got much experience of his / her activity?

4) Who is doing something to help someone else?

5) Who does his / her activity partly to stay healthy?

SPEAKING

4) Order the words in the questions to complete the dialogue.

Amy : Hi ! Can I enter the young singers' competition?

Teacher : OK, I just need a few details.

(1) name / your / 's / What

..... ?

Amy : Amy Leek.

Teacher : Just a minute - OK.

(2) your / of / date / 's / What / birth

..... ?

Amy : 3rd April 2000.

Teacher : Right, thanks.

(3) 's / your / address / What

..... ?

Amy : 32 Fallow Road, Harrogate.

Teacher : OK - got that.

(4) phone / your / What / number / 's

..... ?

Amy : 03940 337865

Teacher : Great.

(5) address / you / got / Have / email / an

..... ?

Amy : Yes, it's amyleek@email.com. And here's the recording of my songs.

WRITING

5) Circle the correct words.

1) Smartphones are expensive most teenagers don't have them.

2) Harry never plays football he's lazy.

3) Claire always sends text messages she hates sending emails.

4) It's Saturday today I'm going for a run.

5) I'm having a party tonight it's my birthday.

6) We haven't got a DVD player I'm going to borrow one.