1A

What kind of things are you into?

IN THIS LESSON, YOU:
- discuss how you spend your free time
- describe films, books and music
- practise listening to people talk about films
- politely disagree with opinions

LISTENING

1 ▶ **Eight people were asked questions using the structure *Do you … much?* Listen and write the question you think each person was asked.**

GRAMMAR

Habits

To talk about habits, we use the present and past simple as well as structures such as *tend to* and *used to*. We also use words and phrases such as *rarely*, *not as much as I'd like to* and *all the time* to show how often.

a *My friends and I* ***go out all the time****.*

b *I sometimes* ***played*** *it* ***for eight or nine hours a day.***

c *I* ***don't tend to / I tend not to*** *read much fiction.*

d ***Did you (ever) use to*** *watch 'Betty, la fea'?*

e *We****'d*** *hang out all the time, but now we* ***hardly ever do****.*

f ***Not as a rule****, no, but I* ***do listen*** *to some jazz (every)* ***now and then****.*

2 Look at the examples in the Grammar box. Find:

1 three sentences about present habits.

2 a verb that describes a current habit – it means *(not) usually / generally*.

3 three different structures we use to talk about past habits.

4 phrases that mean *always*, *(not) normally*, *sometimes* and *almost never*.

3 Complete the sentences by adding one word in each gap.

1 I don't _____ to go to many concerts these days. I'm too busy working.

2 I mostly read stuff for work, but I do read novels every now and _____ .

3 He's basically on TikTok all the _____ . It's taken over his life.

4 We don't go to the cinema as much as we _____ to before we had kids.

5 I _____ ever read books, to be honest. I just read stuff online.

6 I used to go out a lot. I _____ often go clubbing four or five nights a week.

7 As a _____ , I tend not to listen to dance music. It's not my kind of thing.

8 _____ you ever use to go to the Teatro Colón when you lived in Buenos Aires?

4 Take notes on how your habits have changed. Think about these areas.

- work
- study
- holiday
- eating
- family

Share your ideas with a partner, using some of the structures from Exercise 2. Ask your partner questions to find out more.

G See Grammar reference 1A.

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