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2 Leisure and pleasure








Starting off

Work in pairs.

1 What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
2 Which of the activities in the photos have you done? Which would you like to try?
3 Which of the activities do you think is ...
  a the most enjoyable?
  b the cheapest?
  c the healthiest?
  d the most relaxing?
  e the least active?
  f the best one to do with friends?
  g the most popular among young people?
4 Why do you think the people in the photos have decided to do these activities?

1. **Playing video games**
2. **Surfing**
3. **Photography or taking pictures**
4. **Playing the guitar**
5. **Shopping**
6. **Skydiving**

Quizlet

Listening Part 2

1 **Complete the sentences about advantages and disadvantages of using social media with the words in the box. There are two words that you don't need to use.**

concentrate contribute develop
distract encourage make provide
require solve waste

8 reasons for and against social media

1 It can ..... people to work together more.
2 It can ..... people's social skills.
3 It doesn't ..... a lot of money to be a successful social media influencer.
4 It can help people to ..... problems together.
5 It may ..... people lie about themselves.
6 It can ..... you from your studies.
7 It can ..... a platform for cyberbullies and online trolls.
8 People may ..... time doing something which may not be very useful.

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2 Which sentences in Exercise 1 do you agree with? Why?

- In Listening Part 2, you hear a talk or lecture by one speaker. You must listen and complete ten sentences with between one and three words.
- You must write the word(s) you actually hear and try to spell the word(s) correctly.
- You will hear the recording twice.
- This part tests your ability to pick out and write down details, specific information and opinions.

Exam info

3 **Work in pairs. You will hear a man called Scott Kirkland talking about his life as a video blogger, or 'vlogger'. Before you listen, read the sentences below and decide what type of information you need to complete each sentence.**



It was while Scott was working as a **(1)** ..... that he decided on a change of career.

Scott chose to move to Thailand after speaking to his **(2)** ..... .

The biggest advantage of living in Thailand, according to Scott, was that the **(3)** ..... was cheap.

Scott originally expected his first video to be watched **(4)** ..... times.

Scott describes the way he organised his channel before creating the series "Travelling for Beginners" as **(5)** ..... .

Scott says that his audience appreciated the **(6)** ..... in his videos.

Scott paid for his **(7)** ..... when he reviewed the Grand Paradise hotel resort.

Scott felt **(8)** ..... when he was first approached by sponsors.

Scott describes speaking at a travel conference as his **(9)** ..... achievement.

Scott says **(10)** ..... is the most important personal quality for his success.

4 **Now listen to the talk. For questions 1–10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.**

5 **Does the life of a travel vlogger appeal to you? What might some of the challenges be?**

6 **Work in groups. You have decided to create your own video series about learning English. Think about the following points and create a plan for your vlog.**

1 What is the aim of your vlog?
2 What content will you include in each of your videos?
3 Where will your videos be set?
4 How many people will appear in your videos and what will their roles be?
5 What equipment will you need to make your videos?
6 How will you make money from your video series and who might your sponsors be?

7 **Present your plan to the class.**

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TEST



1 **Choose the correct phrase in italics from Listening Part 2, Exercise 4. Then listen and check your answers.**

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1 I've gone from being stuck in a boring office job to something *far more / much* fulfilling: travelling the world and making videos for a living.
2 I knew it was time for something *much more / so more* rewarding.
3 I'd always had a strong desire to go travelling, so I set about researching the *better / best* places online.
4 Nevertheless, I really enjoyed making them and persevered with developing something a *bit more / some more* structured.
5 This then led to *bigger / the biggest* and *better / the best* things.
6 It wasn't long before sponsors came knocking at my door, offering *much / so* more money than I'd been making from my review videos.
7 The *more / most* memorable, though, was when I was invited to speak at an annual travel conference in New York.
8 Be prepared to work *much harder / more hardly* than you've ever done before, but, *most / so* importantly, don't forget to have fun!

2 **Exam candidates often make mistakes with comparisons. Correct the mistakes in these sentences.**

1 There are lots of ways to keep fit, but I think the healthier of all is Zumba.
2 Playing chess is more cheaper than playing video games.
3 Team games are more sociable that biking because you meet and speak to a lot of people.
4 When you play chess, you have to think more hardly than when you're playing video games.
5 I don't go window shopping as often than I used to.
6 For me, parachute jumping is the more risky of all sports.
7 Speaking for myself, I find team sports the less interesting.
8 Mountain biking is more good for getting exercise than most sports.

3 **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective in brackets.**

1 Some people argue that teenagers are much ..... (focus) on becoming online celebrities than they are on their studies. What do you think?
2 Some people say that social media is making us ..... (lazy) than older generations. Do you agree?
3 The eSports industry is estimated to be worth over $1 billion. Do you think they will be ..... (popular) as real-life sports in the future?
4 Is it .....(good) to shop online or in a store?

4 **Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 3.**

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