

15 FREE TIME

VOCABULARY

Free-time activities

1 Match the activity to the phrase that describes it.

- 1 going shopping _____
- 2 acting _____
- 3 chatting _____
- 4 photography _____
- 5 cooking _____
- 6 playing an instrument _____
- 7 collecting things _____
- 8 dancing _____
- 9 playing sport _____

- a having conversations
- b using a camera
- c buying things
- d being someone in a drama
- e making music with a guitar or violin, for example
- f having a game of tennis, for example
- g moving your body, usually to music
- h getting and keeping lots of one kind of object
- i making things to eat

2 Read about the people's hobbies and complete the texts with the words in the box.

acting chatting collecting cooking going (x2) listening making
photography playing (x2) reading singing spending watching



Galina

I really like ¹ _____ time online and ² _____ to other people on my phone and laptop. I also love ³ _____ to music online. I live on the internet!



Pilar

I love ⁸ _____ computer games and ⁹ _____ TV. I like ¹⁰ _____ books too. I go to the library every week.

My favourite hobby is ⁴ _____ things from plastic, wood and paper. I'm learning ⁵ _____ too, so I usually take pictures of them when I've finished them.



Tanya

In my free time I enjoy ¹¹ _____ musical instruments. I'm quite good at the piano and the drums. I also like ¹² _____ instruments – I've got about 30 different ones already!



Nala



Guillermo

⁶ _____ is my favourite thing to do when I'm not in school. I love ⁷ _____ shopping for food that I haven't used before, then making something amazing with it.



Lev

I go to a theatre group every Saturday morning and we do three things which I love: ¹³ _____ in plays, ¹⁴ _____ songs and dancing. I like ¹⁵ _____ out with my friends from the group too – they're great fun.

GRAMMAR

Present perfect with *for* and *since*

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I've had my phone *for / since* six months.
- 2 She's had her computer *for / since* 2013.
- 3 They've lived there *for / since* last summer.
- 4 He's only played the guitar *for / since* three weeks.
- 5 I haven't seen my cousins *for / since* a long time.
- 6 We have known each other *for / since* we were ten years old.

2 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

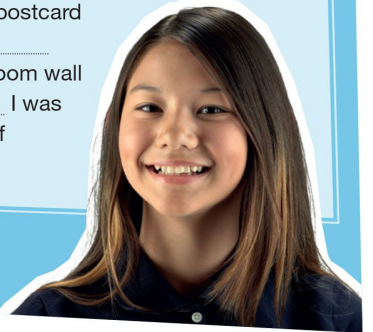
- 1 A It's so nice that you'll come tomorrow. I didn't see you for three weeks. _____
B It's so nice that you'll come tomorrow. I haven't seen you for three weeks. _____
- 2 A I didn't eat chicken since a long time. _____
B I haven't eaten chicken for a long time. _____
- 3 A Yesterday I bought two dresses. I haven't had one since I was six! _____
B Yesterday I bought two dresses. I've never had one since I was six! _____
- 4 A I want to sell my radio. I've had it for four years. _____
B I want to sell my radio. I've got it since four years. _____
- 5 A I know Adam 20 years. _____
B I've known Adam for 20 years. _____

3 Rewrite the sentences using *for* or *since*. Imagine it is now 7 pm on Monday 21st August.

- 0 We've lived here since 21st June.
We've lived here for two months.
- 1 I've had a headache for three hours. _____
- 2 Josh has had that camera since April. _____
- 3 Aysha and Faruk have been out with their friends since 2 pm. _____
- 4 Davina's only played the violin for a month. _____
- 5 You haven't phoned me since last Monday. _____
- 6 The rain hasn't stopped for 24 hours. _____

4 Complete the blog with *for*, *since*, *has* or *have*.

I collect postcards. I've collected them
1 _____ a long time. I started when
I was six and I'm thirteen now, so I've had this
hobby 2 _____ seven years. I started
when my uncle sent me a postcard from Madrid.
He 3 _____ visited a penfriend there
every year 4 _____ he was a teenager.
All my friends and family 5 _____
sent me postcards 6 _____ then.
My favourite is a postcard
that 7 _____
been on my bedroom wall
8 _____ I was
ten. It's a photo of
New Zealand.



VOCABULARY

Collocations about having fun

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 When I go camping with my friends, I always _____ a brilliant time.
A enjoy B have C spend
- 2 My mum's family are from Argentina and I love _____ time with them when we go there for holidays.
A being B feeling C spending
- 3 I collect old watches, and finding an unusual one gives me a fantastic _____.
A time B laugh C feeling
- 4 When you do a free-time activity, the most important thing is to _____ yourself.
A enjoy B laugh C play
- 5 Everyone was really _____ when Georgina won the photography prize – her photos were much more interesting than anyone else's.
A great B fun C glad

2 Write sentences about you using the phrases in the box.

a laugh an exciting weekend
enjoy ourselves spending time

- 0 *I always have a laugh with my eldest sister!*

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

READING

- 1 Read the blog quickly. What is Sascha's hobby? Would you like to try this hobby? Why? / Why not?

MAKING SHOES

FOR FUN

A blog by Sascha Marr, aged 14

My hobby is making shoes. It's an unusual hobby, but I love the fantastic feeling of wearing shoes that I've made myself.

I've always liked designing things. I remember drawing clothes and shoes when I was eight, and I made my first skirt aged nine. Then three years ago, I began making shoes, and I now spend my free time doing that.

I became interested in making shoes when my cousin told me about an online shoe-making course that he was doing. I immediately wanted to do one too. Mum booked me on a four-day course at the I Can Make Shoes school in London to see if I liked it, and then I did a ten-day course there in the summer holidays.

I loved the courses. On the longer one, I made four pairs of shoes! I couldn't believe it. The teachers were excellent. That's what was best about the classes. They made us work really hard but they wanted all their students to have fun, too.

I've made about 15 pairs of shoes now. At the moment I'm making a pair of trainers using an old pair of jeans, but I've used all kinds of different things before, from old leather handbags to old cotton dresses!

Making shoes has changed my plans for the future. I know now that I want to be a designer, but not a shoe designer. I've decided I'll do home design. I've designed lots of shoes and also some clothes, so I'd like to try something new.

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading Part 3

- 2 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- Making shoes has been Sascha's hobby
 - for eight years.
 - since she was nine.
 - for three years.
- The first course that Sascha did in shoe making was
 - an online course.
 - four days long.
 - ten days long.
- What did Sascha like most about the courses?
 - having fun with the other students
 - getting lots of shoes
 - having such good teachers
- The shoes that Sascha is working on now are made from
 - old jeans.
 - old handbags.
 - old dresses.
- In the future, Sascha would like to be
 - a shoe designer.
 - a home designer.
 - a clothes designer.



EXAM TIPS

- Before you read the text, look at the title and the photo to get an idea of what it's about.
- You should always answer all the questions. If you aren't sure what the correct answer to a question is, choose the one that you think is right.

LISTENING

- 1** Listen to Dilek and Burak and choose the best summary of what they talk about.

- A choosing a free-time activity
- B free-time activities in my country
- C my favourite free-time activity

- 2** Listen again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 Dilek has been a dancer for ten years. _____
- 2 Dilek's dance group usually meets twice every week. _____
- 3 Dilek dances at weddings. _____
- 4 Dilek dances to rock music. _____
- 5 Dilek always wears a special dress when she dances. _____
- 6 The oud is easy to play. _____
- 7 Burak started playing the oud when he was six. _____
- 8 Burak's dad was Burak's teacher. _____
- 9 Burak can also play the guitar. _____
- 10 Burak would like to be a singer when he is older. _____

WRITING

A post on an online forum

- 1** Read the post. Then match the parts of the text A-E to the questions below.

- 1 What do you do with these things now? _____
- 2 How long have you collected them? _____
- 3 What do you like about these things? _____
- 4 What do you collect? _____
- 5 Why did you start collecting them? _____



(A) I collect comics. (B) I have collected them for nine years. (C) I started collecting them when I was six because I liked reading them. I bought them every week with my pocket money. (D) Now I still enjoy reading them every day, and I often look for special comics online. The oldest ones are very expensive. (E) I like comics because they have great stories, they're funny and the pictures are amazing. You're never too old to read a comic!

- 2** Imagine you have responded to the questions with the answers given. Write a post on an online forum using the notes.

- 1 What do you collect? board games
- 2 How long have you collected them? five years
- 3 Why did you start collecting them? loved playing them
- 4 What do you do with these things now? play them with best friend and brother
- 5 What do you like about these things? all so different, have fun when I play them

I collect board games.

