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# 1

# Time out

## READING | 3-option multiple matching | Online article

→ Student's Book, pages 4–5

**1** Read a paragraph from an article about hobbies in Britain and choose **T** (True) or **F** (False).

- 1 Travelling is the number one hobby in Britain. **T / F**      3 Collecting things is a popular hobby. **T / F**  
 2 The article talks about a popular sports competition on British TV. **T / F**

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## BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE HOBBIES

One of the top hobbies for British people is travelling. They often travel to other countries and spend a lot of time planning their trips and holidays. Another favourite hobby is baking and one of the most popular TV shows in Britain is also a baking competition where people make delicious cakes and biscuits! Sport is also a favourite hobby in Britain. British people love playing and watching sports. There are over 151,000 sports clubs in the UK to join. People still enjoy other well-known hobbies like art, photography and collecting things. They also love watching TV, but people do it so much they don't even think it's a hobby!

**2** Read the paragraph again and write the name of the hobby next to the correct picture.



1 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_



2 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_



**3** Read the online article below quickly. Which teenager has the most hobbies?

**4** Read the article again. For each question, choose the correct answer.

	Adam	Brian	Sam
1 Who says he doesn't love computer activities?	A	B	C
2 Who says he enjoys doing a water sport?	A	B	C
3 Who talks about watching sport?	A	B	C
4 Who enjoys doing a hobby with their family?	A	B	C
5 Who learns how to make something from their hobby?	A	B	C
6 Who talks about doing activities with friends?	A	B	C
7 Who has a skill that is useful at home?	A	B	C

## Three teenagers talk about their hobbies



### Adam

I don't spend a lot of time watching TV, but I do have some favourite TV shows. One of them is *The Great British Bake Off*. I never miss it! It's a baking competition and baking is my favourite hobby. I love it when my favourite person wins! I often get ideas from the show and I've made some amazing cakes. My mum says she's really lucky to have a son who is better at making cakes than her!



### Brian

I've been to four countries. During the summer, my family and I love travelling to foreign countries. My parents spend months planning our holiday. We usually take the ferry to France and then drive through Europe. Every day, we explore the countryside or visit the sights in a city, and at night we stay at a campsite. My favourite country is Spain because I love swimming and the beaches there are the best I've ever seen. I love travelling!



### Sam

My friends like video games, talking to their friends online and online shopping, but I don't. I prefer to be outdoors playing sport. It's fun to join a club and play in competitions. That's why I'm a member of a tennis club. Sometimes, I win! When I'm not playing tennis, I go to the cinema with my friends or to a stadium to watch a football match. It's really fun when the match is exciting and our team wins, but it isn't so great when they lose!

**5** Read the online article about hobbies again. Match the highlighted words in the article to the following words and phrases with the same meaning.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 preparing _____                      | 5 available through the internet _____ |
| 2 from another country _____           | 6 most liked _____                     |
| 3 many times _____                     | 7 part of a group or club _____        |
| 4 become part of a group or club _____ | 8 computer games _____                 |

**1 Match to make sentences.**

- |                          |       |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Gabriel usually starts | _____ | a) tennis on Sundays.               |
| 2 Maria visits           | _____ | b) to the cinema on Fridays.        |
| 3 Alina often plays      | _____ | c) at school today.                 |
| 4 My cousin rides his    | _____ | d) her grandparents every Saturday. |
| 5 I sometimes go         | _____ | e) bicycle in the forest.           |
| 6 My friends aren't      | _____ | f) work at 9:00 am.                 |

**2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.**

- 1 goes / Joanna / after / to bed / never / 10pm  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 computer / don't / You / games / play / day / every  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 go / My / Saturday / shopping / on / parents / often  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 three / goes / Mike / a week / times / usually / cycling  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 on / holiday / photos / We / take / always  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 the museum / sometimes / at / visit / the weekend / I  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3 Match the pictures (A-F) to the sentences (1-6).**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Close the door when you leave. _____                | 4 Be careful when you climb in the mountains. _____ |
| 2 Remember to look before you cross the road. _____   | 5 Don't forget to text me when you're home. _____   |
| 3 Please wear a coat because it's cold outside. _____ | 6 Please take lots of photos at the party. _____    |



## 1

## VOCABULARY | Topic vocabulary | Word formation | Phrasal verbs

→ Student's Book, page 7 → Vocabulary reference, Student's Book, page 163

## 1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

collect | magazines | photograph  
rock climbing | swimming | tent

- Mike and Andy \_\_\_\_\_ postcards from every country they visit.
- Have you got a \_\_\_\_\_ of your new house? Can I see it?
- I prefer to stay in a \_\_\_\_\_ when I go on holiday. It's lots of fun.
- The girls don't usually read \_\_\_\_\_. They prefer to go on the internet.
- They go \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach every weekend in summer.
- I love going to the mountains to go \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2 Choose the correct words.

- Marco is the best **painter** / **paint** in our art club.
- What's your favourite type of **music** / **musician**?
- This is a **photographer** / **photograph** of our holiday in Greece.

- My brother plays the **guitarist** / **guitar** in his bedroom every night.
- We don't play video **games** / **gamers** at school.
- There are three **music** / **musicians** in the band.

## 3 Choose the best verb to complete each sentence.

- I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the train at the next station.  
a) get off      b) turn off      c) get back
- Can you \_\_\_\_\_ my cat while I'm on holiday?  
a) get back      b) look after      c) get off
- Please \_\_\_\_\_ the TV. I want to listen to the radio.  
a) turn on      b) get off      c) turn off
- Welcome! Please \_\_\_\_\_ and have a drink.  
a) get back      b) turn on      c) come in
- I always feel tired when I \_\_\_\_\_ home after a climbing holiday.  
a) turn on      b) come round      c) get back
- \_\_\_\_\_ the TV. My favourite show starts in a minute.  
a) Get off      b) Turn on      c) Look after

## 1

## GRAMMAR 2 | Possessive 's, prepositions of time and place

→ Student's Book, page 9 → Grammar reference, Unit 1, Student's Book, page 151

## 1 Rewrite the sentences with the 's in the correct position.

- My mother favourite hobby is painting.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Please look after Anna camera. It is new.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you know Mike brother and sister?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Greg daughter is only three years old.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Would you like to see my sister holiday photos?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- This is Jim book. He needs it for his homework.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Read the text below and choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.

My favourite hobbies are swimming and camping. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the summer, we always go (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a camping holiday. We stay (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the sea. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the morning, I love swimming (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the sea. It's very quiet and there aren't usually any people (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the beach. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ lunchtime, we often go to a café (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the village. My favourite café is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the park. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ night, we sometimes walk along the beach.


- |              |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 A On       | B In      | C At      |
| 2 A to       | B in      | C on      |
| 3 A between  | B near    | C on      |
| 4 A In       | B On      | C At      |
| 5 A in       | B on      | C at      |
| 6 A of       | B in      | C on      |
| 7 A In       | B To      | C At      |
| 8 A inside   | B in      | C at      |
| 9 A in front | B between | C outside |
| 10 A In      | B To      | C At      |





**1** Look at the first set of pictures in Exercise 2, then match a picture to each set of words (1-3).

- 1 barbecue, garden, family \_\_\_\_      2 bike ride, cycling, park \_\_\_\_      3 picnic, friends, park \_\_\_\_

**2**  **01** Listen to five conversations. There is one question for each conversation. For each conversation, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

1 Where are the children? \_\_\_\_

A



B



C



2 What does Linda like doing in her free time? \_\_\_\_

A



B



C



3 Where is the photography club meeting? \_\_\_\_

A



B



C



4 How many people go camping? \_\_\_\_

A



B



C



5 What time is the party? \_\_\_\_

A



B



C



**1** Match the student's answers (a-f) to the examiner's questions (1-6).

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 What's your name? ____                      | a) I'm 14.  |
| 2 Where do you come from? ____                | b) I usually go shopping with my friends.             |
| 3 What do you usually do at the weekend? ____ | c) It's Martin, because he's very funny.              |
| 4 How old are you? ____                       | d) I'm from Cambridge.                                |
| 5 How many people are in your family? ____    | e) There are four. Me, my parents and my brother Sam. |
| 6 Who is your best friend? ____               | f) It's Barry Thompson.                               |

**2 Write questions using the prompts. Practise asking the questions. Use *you* or *your*.**

1 What / name?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 Where / live?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 What / hobbies?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 What / favourite sport?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 What / usually / in / summer holiday?

\_\_\_\_\_

6 How often / video games?

\_\_\_\_\_

**3 Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 2. Then practise saying the answers.**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_

**1**

**LANGUAGE IN USE | Open cloze**

→ Student's Book, page 11

**1 Match to make sentences.**

1 Let's meet at

2 You can try

3 Jo and Pat go

4 The bus stop is in front

5 My favourite museum is in

6 We can sit

7 Please turn

8 They show the best films at

a) to the swimming pool at the weekend.

b) on the TV – my favourite show is starting.

c) new activities at the club.

d) London.

e) night, so let's go then.

f) 6 o'clock outside the café.

g) on the beach and talk.

h) of the café.

**2 For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word in each gap.**

From: Ben  
To: Anna

London is a great city! I'm having a *lot* of fun here (1) \_\_\_\_\_ my family. During the day, we go sightseeing. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ are so many things to see here! Then, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the evening we have dinner at a nice restaurant. We go a different one every night and tonight we're going to try (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Mexican restaurant.

Our hotel is in an amazing place. There is a famous park in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of it. Every morning after breakfast we go for a walk in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and you can see people riding horses there! You can visit the park at night too, but it closes at midnight.

Bye for now,  
Ben

## 1 Read the exam task. Tick the three possible responses to the points in the task. Choose from a to f.

You are going on a picnic in the park with your English friend Alex tomorrow.  
Write an email to Alex.

In your email:

- say what time you want to meet
- tell him what food you can bring
- say what you can do in the park.

Write **25 words** or more.

a) There's a café in the park and we can get our lunch there. \_\_\_\_\_

b) A lot of people ride skateboards in the park. \_\_\_\_\_

c) Why don't we bring a football and play? \_\_\_\_\_

d) I think the park opens at 9 o'clock, but we can check. \_\_\_\_\_

e) I can make some nice sandwiches and a fruit salad. \_\_\_\_\_

f) Let's meet at half past 10. Is that OK with you? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Read the emails in response to the task in Exercise 1 and then answer questions 1–4.

**A**

Hi Alex,

We can meet at 11 o'clock. Is that OK?  
I'm bringing sandwiches, fruit and some drinks.  
We can bring our skateboards and ride through the park. What do you think?

See you tomorrow!

**B**

Hi Alex,

I don't want to go to the park in the morning.  
We can play cricket – it's fun!

Bye!

### Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Email **A** / **B** includes information for all three bullet points.
- 2 The information in email **A** / **B** isn't what the bullet points ask for.
- 3 Email **A** / **B** is less than 25 words in length.
- 4 Email **A** / **B** completes the task successfully.

## 3 Read the exam task and underline the key words.

You are going to the cinema with your English friend Toni tomorrow. Write an email to Toni.

In your email:

- say where you want to meet
- ask her what time to meet
- say which film you want to see.

Write **25 words** or more.

## 4 Read the exam task in Exercise 3 again and complete the plan.

	Detail	My notes
Point 1	<i>say where to meet</i>	
Point 2	<i>ask what time to meet</i>	
Point 3	<i>say which film</i>	



## PROGRESS CHECK

- 1** Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There are two extra options you do not need.

collect | come in | get off | guitarist | join  
look after | magazines | member | painting  
turn off

- My sister reads \_\_\_\_\_ about music and clothes.
- Listen to the \_\_\_\_\_ in this band. She's really good.
- Please \_\_\_\_\_ the TV when you finish watching the film.
- How much is it to \_\_\_\_\_ the photography club?
- Please \_\_\_\_\_ my tent when you go camping.
- It's a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_. Who is the artist?
- Please \_\_\_\_\_ the bus here. This is the last stop.
- Are you a \_\_\_\_\_ of the tennis club?

- 2** Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

- When \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting start?  
a) do                      b) does                      c) are
- The picnic is \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday afternoon.  
a) at                      b) on                      c) in
- My friends \_\_\_\_\_ at the festival today.  
a) are                      b) is                      c) has
- Jake and Alice \_\_\_\_\_ swimming. They love the water.  
a) never go                      b) often go                      c) go often
- We can meet \_\_\_\_\_ the festival and go in together.  
a) inside                      b) between                      c) outside
- We have breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ morning. It's very important.  
a) all                      b) ever                      c) every
- My \_\_\_\_\_ husband comes from France.  
a) sister                      b) sister's                      c) sisters'
- My tent is near the trees. It's \_\_\_\_\_ the blue tent and the green tent.  
a) between                      b) along                      c) inside

## Cumulative progress 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

- 3** Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the conversations.

- Can you give me back my guitar?  
A It isn't very good.  
B I have guitar lessons.  
C I haven't got it at the moment.
- How often do you have a barbecue?  
A Every weekend.  
B My dad usually cooks the food.  
C It takes about an hour.
- Don't forget our meeting at 2:30 pm this afternoon.  
A No, I don't think so.  
B See you there!  
C Please come round in the morning.
- Do you like this musician?  
A Yes, I want to listen to more of his songs.  
B No, I don't know it.  
C No, I prefer the painting.
- I can't find the entrance.  
A It's under the magazines.  
B It's in front of the museum.  
C It's at the picnic.

