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HOBBIES

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- *Both... and...*
- *Not only... but also...*



LISTENING

a) Listen and circle the word whose bold part is pronounced differently from that of the other three.

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| 1. A. phot o graphy | B. phot o graph | C. phot o grapher | D. phot o copy |
| 2. A. h o bb y | B. c o py | C. sh o pping | D. dec o ration |
| 3. A. cl u b | B. m u sic | C. c o untry | D. c o me |
| 4. A. le i s u re | B. ple a s u re | C. use f ul | D. me a s u rement |
| 5. A. p r ef e r | B. st r ess | C. ple a s u re | D. m a ny |

b) Listen and circle the word that has the main stress on the second syllable.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. A. phot o graphy | B. phot o graph | C. c o py | D. h o bb y |
| 2. A. c o ll e ctor | B. c o ll e ge | C. dec o rative | D. dec o ration |
| 3. A. int e rested | B. port r ait | C. pop u lar | D. cont e m p orary |
| 4. A. ill u strate | B. ill u stration | C. ill u str i ous | D. ill u strator |
| 5. A. le i s u re | B. out d oors | C. be a ut i ful | D. rar i ty |

c) Listen to the recording and check T (true) or F (false) in the boxes.

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| 1. Laughter clubs were first operated in the United States. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Laughter can reduce stress. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. People make friends easily in a laughter club. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. People should be able to tell jokes in a laughter club. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. People can laugh without a reason. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



SPEAKING

Talking about Preferred Hobbies

Likes	Dislikes
I would rather listen to music.	I can't stand listening to this kind of music.
I love playing...	I don't care much for...
I like collecting...	I dislike watching...
I enjoy singing.	I don't fancy listening to...
She prefers....	

Sample conversation

A: What is your hobby?

B: I enjoy collecting stamps.

A: When did you start this hobby?

B: When I was in my middle school.

A: How can you find stamps?

B: I exchange letters with my pen pals.

A: Why do you prefer this hobby?

B: I like looking at beautiful pictures on the stamps. How about you?
What's your favorite pastime?

A: I'd rather not collect stamps. I prefer collecting buttons.

Base on the conversation above, make conversations about your hobbies.



READING

Look at the pictures of collectibles and read the extracts that are taken from articles on hobbies and do the tasks that follow.

a) Write the name of each hobby and match it with its description.

- ① The history of this hobby began at least as early as the founding of the famous ancient Library of Alexandria in Egypt early in the 3rd century B.C. Collectors have an interest in rare copies of printed works by famous writers.



a. _____

- ② From the earliest years of this hobby, most people have preferred to collect by country, specializing in the issues of one or more nations. Since about the mid-1950s, however, many people have become interested in topical collecting, acquiring items illustrating certain themes or subjects. Among the wide range of pictorials are those devoted to sports, art and music, aviation, birds and flowers, literature, scouting, ships, and telecommunications.

- ③ Scholars regard these collectibles as mirrors of history. They bear portraits of contemporary monarchs and the inscriptions and designs that often refer to important events. Most appealing of all, perhaps, is the possibility of finding rare collectibles for a bargain price and the hope that items in a collection will in time increase in worth.



b. _____



c. _____

- ④ Many people enjoy this hobby as it offers close contact with the outdoors, exercise, and a means of gaining firsthand knowledge of nature. Collectors capture the adults of a special family of insects with a net, and then mount them on a grooved board with a long insect pin inserted through the thorax.



d. _____

e. _____

- ⑤ Today this hobby is practiced all over the world. For some people, it is a form of exercise and an enjoyable leisure activity. With a little soil, some seeds, and a few basic tools, even inexperienced people can enjoy the rewards of creating a beautiful thing and watching it grow.

b) Complete each of the following sentences by choosing the best answer.

1. Collecting paintings of famous artists is a(n) _____ of some wealthy people.
A. amusement B. fun C. hobby D. entertainment
2. The word *pictorials* in extract 2 means _____.
A. pictures B. art work C. sketches D. artefacts
3. The word *collectibles* in extract 3 means _____.
A. precious objects B. valuable collections
C. rare objects D. things worth collecting
4. The word *monarch* in extract 3 means _____.
A. a president B. a king/ queen
C. a celebrity D. an artist
5. When you gain _____ knowledge, you learn it from your own experience.
A. firsthand B. secondhand
C. primary D. experienced

c) Read the extracts again and check T (true) or F (false).

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. People began collecting books as early as the 4th century B.C. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. People often collect stamps with themes that they are interested in. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. People don't collect medals. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Growing plants in pots isn't a rewarding hobby. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Collecting butterflies requires a lot of work. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Collecting things is an enjoyable pastime. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



WRITING

Writing about Your Hobby

Useful Tips

- Read the topic carefully (*The topic is, for example, Write a paragraph about your hobby. Use specific details and examples to develop your paragraph.*) and then ask yourself questions. (What is the topic about? What is it asking me to do?)

The question is about *my hobby*. It asks me to

- A. say what hobby it is
- B. describe
 - 1. when this hobby started
 - 2. why I like it
 - 3. whether I have difficulties sometimes
- C. give my own opinion

- Write a rough outline.

Central Idea: It's fairly unusual to collect buttons as a hobby, but it's an activity I have enjoyed ever since I was a kid.

- I. An incident that led me to start this hobby when I was twelve years old.
 - A. The loss of a cute button on a favorite dress.
 - B. The pleasure of finding a substitute a few days later.



II. Button collecting is a fascinating hobby.

- A. Buttons have a long history.
- B. Buttons are closely related to man.
- C. Buttons are made of different materials.
- D. Buttons have various sizes, shapes, designs, and colors.

III. Button collecting is inexpensive, but it is useful in many ways.

- A. My own experience as mentioned above
- B. Other instances of its usefulness

Concluding sentence: Collecting buttons is both fun and useful; moreover, it can be a real fascination once you have expanded an unusual collection of rare ancient buttons.

Your task

Now use the outline and start writing a draft of your paragraph. After you have finished, check the draft for mistakes in both grammar and spelling before you write the final version.

You may choose to write about other hobbies, but make sure that you follow the steps suggested above.



USE OF LANGUAGE

1. Word Forms

a) Complete the chart below.

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives	Adverbs
	collectible/ collectable	collectible/ collectable	
	decor; decoration		
		rare	
			enjoyably
	participant		
photograph			

b) Complete the following sentences or exchanges with the appropriate words from the chart above.

1. I often spend hours watching my stamp _____ with great _____.
2. – Are you a member of the _____ club?
– Well, I'm only an amateur _____.
3. – Are medals _____?
– Yes, they are. But few people collect them.
4. – Stamp _____ should exchange a lot of letters to have good stamps.
– I think so.
5. – Christmas _____ at churches are very attractive.
– They are.
6. _____ at the gardening club work together every weekend.

2. Cleft Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using the structure *It is/ was... that... to emphasize the italicized part of each sentence.*

0. *Collecting butterflies* is her favorite hobby.
It's collecting butterflies that is her favorite hobby.
1. I like collecting *books on fiction*.
2. Jack prefers *pop music*.
3. I'd like to visit *Ha Noi* this year.
4. *The quiz shows on TV* attract me most.
5. *Jim* has a large collection of CDs.
6. Santa Claus brings toys to children *on Christmas Eve*.
7. We visited our relatives *last summer*.
8. They prefer to go hiking *in the mountains*.

3. *Not only... but also...*

Both... and...

Combine the sentences with not only... but also... or both... and...

0. They play sports. They watch sports on TV. (*both... and...*)
They *both* play sports *and* watch them on TV.
1. He is interested in planting orchids. He is interested in collecting butterflies. (*not only... but also...*)
2. You can visit the West End in London. You can visit the East End in London. (*both... and...*)
3. You can attend the party. Your sister can attend the party. (*both... and...*)
4. She can sing beautifully. She can play the piano well. (*not only... but also...*)
5. I can drink coffee black. I can drink coffee with sugar. (*both... and...*)
6. She is good at math. She is good at English. (*not only... but also...*)