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HOBBIES



READING

Before You Read

a) *These are some things people often collect. Name them, then add five more things.*



a. _____



b. _____



c. _____



d. _____

b) Put the following activities in the right columns.

- running a farm
- keeping books
- keeping pets
- planting flowers
- jogging
- making furniture
- traveling
- playing computer games
- writing
- raising poultry

| Hobbies | Work Done to Make a Living | Both Hobbies and Work |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | |

Reading Text

Read the extracts and do the tasks that follow.

A. Before the 20th century, hobbies were something that only wealthy people had time and money to enjoy. The present-day interest in hobbies is the product of more free time for far more people, resulting from shortened working hours and greater prosperity. All hobbies involve activities, but some involve more than others. It is collecting things that is relatively passive compared to doing creative work. Whatever the activity level, all types can require high levels of expertise.

B. A good coin collection is an investment and can be profitable in a number of ways. As a pastime, it provides hours of pleasure and the



satisfaction of watching the collection grow. Moreover, coins – old, new, foreign, or domestic – will always be worth at least as much as the metals of which they are made, and these are often precious metals. Books about coins and coin collecting, which can usually be found in public libraries, will help a beginner start a collection.

C. Collecting shells is another interesting hobby. Many young collectors who take it up develop a serious interest in science as a result. It is little care that a shell collection requires. Shells, the color of which is normally permanent, last almost indefinitely without being attacked by insects.



Moreover, most kinds of shells do not break easily. Large shell collections are built up by collectors' exchanging originals or duplicates. It is only when a collection is properly labeled that it has real value. Each label must show exactly where the shells were found. Notes on tide conditions and weather might also be included.

a) Answer the following questions based on extracts A & B.

1. Who enjoyed hobbies before the twentieth century?

2. What result do less working hours and greater prosperity bring to us?

3. In what way is a good coin collection an investment?

b) Work in pairs. Fill in the table with the information from extracts B & C.

| Kinds of Collection | Advantages | Disadvantages |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|
| Coin collection | | heavy |
| Shell collection | | |

c) Have you ever collected something as a hobby? If yes, what is it? If no, why not?



LISTENING

a) *Work in groups. Ask and answer the following question.*

What do you like and don't like doing after school?

b) *Listen to the talk and take notes.*

Andrew likes **gardening.**

Andrew doesn't like

c) *Listen to the conversation, then complete the following sentences.*

1. Dick looks worried because ...

2. Cycling is a good form of exercise because ...

3. Cycling in the countryside is interesting because ...

4. We shouldn't do exercise too much and too quickly at the beginning because ...

d) *Tell your partners if you like cycling. Why or why not?*



SPEAKING

Talking about Preferences

a) *Work in pairs.*

– *Here are some expressions used to express preferences. Supply some more.*

- I like
- I enjoy
- I don't like
- ...

– *Make a list of things that young people like and don't like doing in their free time.*



Examples

- chatting on the Net
- painting
- ...

b) *Work in pairs. Talk about your preference for one of the items in the list you've just made. Explain why you like it.*



Examples

- I like..... because.....
- I don't mind..... because.....

c) *Swap partners. Interview your partner about his/ her hobby and report to the class. Use the following question words.*

What...? When...? Where...? Why...?
How often....? How much...?



Examples

- What do you like doing in your free time?
- When did you begin your hobby?
- Why are you interested in...?



WRITING

Writing about Hobbies

a) Read the following paragraph and complete the chart below.

- 1 My hobby is collecting stamps. My stamp collection began when I was an 11-year-old boy. At that time, my English teacher used to
- 5 give out colorful pictures to students who were good at her subject. I loved those pictures and kept them carefully in a book. Then my father advised me to
- 10 collect stamps. Now there are over 100 stamps of birds, fish, butterflies, flowers, etc., in my collection. Most of them were canceled on the first day of issue. In addition, there are also foreign stamps which I received from my pen pals in Australia, France, and the United States. To add more stamps to my
- 15 collection, I sometimes exchange stamps with those who share the same hobby with me. What a pleasant thing to look at my beautiful stamps!



| Content | Line |
|---|------|
| 1. Writer's hobby | 1 |
| 2. When his hobby started | |
| 3. How his hobby has been built up | |
| 4. Why he had this hobby | |
| 5. Writer's feelings about his collection | |

b) Ask yourself or your friend(s) questions similar to the content in the chart in a); then write a paragraph about your own or your friend's hobby.



LANGUAGE FOCUS

Word Study

Word Derivation

a) Complete the chart.

| Noun | Adjective | Adverb | Verb |
|-------------|--------------|--------|-----------|
| 1. | | | encourage |
| 2. | prosperous | | |
| 3. label | | | |
| 4. | | | include |
| 5. | | purely | |
| 6. | wealthy | | |
| 7. | creative | | |
| 8. pleasure | | | |
| 9. | profitable | | |
| 10. | satisfactory | | |

b) Fill each blank with the correct word form from chart a).

1. It's impossible to _____ everyone.
2. The air in industrial cities needs _____.
3. My father has done a lot to _____ me in studying.
4. Durable goods _____ cars, computers, and electrical appliances.
5. Trees in this area grow well because of the _____ soil.
6. Do you know which ingredients on the packaging _____ of processed food are helpful or harmful?
7. Thank you for a _____ afternoon.
8. Please show me how to _____ a new file.
9. Some new electronic products are highly _____.
10. He is living in a _____ suburb.

Grammar

Cleft Sentences



Examples

- My father is interested in detective stories.
→ It is my father who is interested in detective stories.
(*Subject focus*)
- A collection only has its real value when it is properly labeled.
→ It is only when a collection is properly labeled that it has its real value. (*Adverbial focus*)

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

1. I like looking at my stamp collection.

2. Dogs are faithful animals.

3. Jane prefers going shopping.

4. Chatting on the Net will take a lot of time.

5. A stamp collection requires much care.

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



Examples

- Solar energy is *not only* free *but also* inexhaustible.
- *Both* my father *and* I often spend a day on the beach looking for shells.

The following sentences contain faulty parallelism. Rewrite the sentences so that the parallelism will be correctly expressed.

1. Mr. Sayers is not only president of the National Bank but also of the Chamber of Commerce.

2. The team both felt the satisfaction of victory and the disappointment of defeat.

3. In summer school, he not only studied writing but how to increase his vocabulary.

4. The new clerk soon proved himself not only to be capable but also trustworthy.

5. In his lecture today, Professor Hobbs both explained the causes of the war and what its consequences were.
