

Skills Test Unit 2 Test A

Name: _____

Everyday English

1 Complete the dialogue with the words and phrases below.

can you get could you can course

Grandma Could ¹ _____ open the window please, Jack? It's really hot in here.

Jack Yes, of ² _____ .

Grandma ³ _____ my handbag, please? It's in the kitchen.

Jack Yes. Here you are, Grandma.

Grandma ⁴ _____ you pass me my glasses, please? They're on the table.

Jack Yes. Here you are, Grandma. Is there anything else I ⁵ _____ get for you?

Mark ____/5

Listening

2 🎧 Listen to a conversation about free time. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Allan doesn't play football, but he watches it on television. _____
- 2 Gill can play tennis very well. _____
- 3 Beth doesn't like sport, but she really enjoys art. _____
- 4 Beth can't play a musical instrument. _____
- 5 Beth dislikes jazz music. _____

3 🎧 Listen again. Circle the correct answers (a–c).

- 1 Allan watches football on TV on Saturday _____.
a morning **b** afternoon **c** evening
- 2 Allan plays _____ on a Wednesday afternoon.
a tennis **b** football **c** volleyball
- 3 _____ play tennis.
a Allan and Beth **b** Gill and Allan **c** Gill and Beth
- 4 _____ likes jazz music.
a Gill **b** Beth **c** Allan
- 5 Beth goes dancing with her _____ on Friday evenings.
a boyfriend **b** friend **c** sister

Mark: ____ / 10

Reading

Hobbies

People have lots of different hobbies – activities they do in their free time. Some people like hobbies where they can *do* something – for example, cooking, dancing, skateboarding or playing the drums. Other people are into *collecting* things, like stamps, coins or even guitars. A lot of people enjoy *making* things – painting pictures or playing music. And of course there are people who hate playing sports or computer games, and like *learning* things instead, such as languages.

Paula Jennings

Paula's into learning languages. She can speak Russian, Japanese, Arabic and Chinese. When she learns how to speak or write in another language, she acts, draws pictures and sings instead of using traditional books and dictionaries.

'I love languages and I learn them really easily. I don't work hard on remembering new words. Instead I make music or draw pictures to help me remember them. I often meet people who don't believe that this is a good way to learn languages, but I don't agree. They just dislike learning in a way that is different from what they know and are not interested in how it helps me. The alphabets of the languages I speak are very different from the English alphabet, and some people don't enjoy writing in such a different language, but I love it! I love learning a different alphabet.'

Bill Gardner

People who enjoy sports usually play tennis on a tennis court, swim in a swimming pool or dance in a dance hall. But Bill is different. What is unusual about him? He loves rock climbing – but he doesn't go to the mountains or the gym. He has a special rock climbing wall on the side of his house!

'People think I'm very strange because one side of my house is a climbing wall. I can climb it very quickly now but some of my friends, who are also into rock climbing, can only climb it slowly. They don't enjoy it. They say it's hard to climb it because it's a wall of a house and not a natural rock. Of course I sometimes go rock climbing in the mountains, but I can do my hobby easily at home.'

4 Read the text. Circle the correct answers (a–c).

- 1 According to the text,
 - a people have the same hobbies.
 - b people have lots of different hobbies.
 - c people can only do one hobby.
- 2 Paula thinks learning languages is
 - a very difficult.
 - b quite boring.
 - c really easy.
- 3 Paula uses
 - a books and dictionaries to help her learn new languages.
 - b lists to help her learn new languages.
 - c music and drawing to help her learn new languages.
- 4 Bill has built a rock climbing wall
 - a in his garden.
 - b on his roof.
 - c on the wall of his house.
- 5 Bill says people think it is
 - a very strange to have a climbing wall on a house.
 - b quite normal to have a climbing wall on a house.
 - c dangerous to have a climbing wall on a house.

Mark: ____ / 10

Writing

5 A local club wants new members. Write a letter in response to their advertisement.

WANTED!

The After School Club needs new members!

- Do you have free time after school?
- Do you want to make new friends and do interesting things together?
- Write to us and tell us about your daily life and your hobbies.
- We match you with people from our club who have the same interests as you.

Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself and say where you live and who you live with.

Paragraph 2: Describe your free time activities and your favourite subjects at school.

Paragraph 3: Ask when you can expect them to reply. Finish your letter.

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TOTAL MARKS: ____ / 40

Challenge!

6 Complete the text with the correct words (a–c).

Teenage free time

Gábor is a typical teenager. He gets ¹ _____ in the morning, has breakfast and ² _____ to school at 8 o'clock. He gets home from school, does his homework, and then in the afternoon he does things he ³ _____.

'Do you like sports, Gábor?'

'Of course! I'm ⁴ _____ football. I love it! I play football four times a week in my local football club.'

'⁵ _____ you do other sports?'

'Yes, but not very ⁶ _____. I like skateboarding and playing tennis, too. Sometimes I have a game of tennis with my best friend Ben.'

'What other activities do you ⁷ _____?'

'I love listening to music. I can play a few instruments, too. I can play the piano, the guitar and the saxophone ⁸ _____ – and the cello and violin badly!'

1 a off b up c on

2 a cycles b cycle c cycling

3 a enjoy b enjoying c enjoys

4 a into b enjoy c love

5 a Are b Do c Does

6 a never b often c sometimes

7 a does b doing c do

8 a good b well c easy