

Skills Test Unit 2 Test B

Name: _____

Everyday English

1 Complete the dialogue with the words below.

can course you sorry help

Anna Dad, please could ¹ _____ buy me a new laptop?

Dad No, ² _____, I can't, Anna. This laptop is fine.

Anna But it's really difficult to use! Can you ³ _____ me, please?

Dad Of course I ⁴ _____. What do you need?

Anna Can you show me how to put a picture in this document?

Dad Yes, of ⁵ _____. Look, this is how you do it.

Mark: ____ / 5

Listening

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

- 1 Allan plays a lot of sport. _____
- 2 Allan plays tennis often. _____
- 3 Beth paints very well. _____
- 4 Allan plays the piano and saxophone. _____
- 5 Beth goes dancing on Saturday evenings. _____

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

- 1 Allan loves _____.
a art **b** pop music **c** music and sport
- 2 Allan watches football on a _____.
a Saturday morning **b** Wednesday afternoon **c** Saturday evening
- 3 _____ doesn't play tennis.
a Allan **b** Gill **c** Beth
- 4 _____ paints in his / her studio.
a Gill **b** Beth **c** Allan
- 5 Beth is _____ at dancing.
a quite good **b** very good **c** not very good

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 The writer says people who like sport
 - a like *making* things.
 - b like *learning* things.
 - c like *doing* things.
- 2 Paula speaks Russian, Arabic, _____ and _____ .
 - a Chinese / German
 - b Chinese / Japanese
 - c Japanese / German
- 3 Paula _____ learning a new alphabet.
 - a dislikes
 - b likes
 - c loves
- 4 Bill says his friends _____ using his climbing wall.
 - a love
 - b don't enjoy
 - c hate
- 5 Bill can climb his climbing wall
 - a very quickly.
 - b slowly.
 - c very slowly.

Mark: ____ / 10

Writing

5 Your school magazine wants new writers. Write a letter in response to their advertisement.

WANTED!

*Our school magazine **Young Journal** needs new writers!*

- Do you have free time after school?
- Do you want to make new friends and write about things you like and don't like?
- Write a short letter to *Young Journal*. Tell us about yourself, your hobbies and what you like and dislike doing.
- We match you with other writers who have the same interests as you.

Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself and describe what you like and don't like about school. What subjects do you like? What subjects do you hate?

Paragraph 2: Describe your hobbies and what you do in your free time. Are there things you have to do after school that you don't like?

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

Mark: ____ / 15

TOTAL MARKS: ____ / 40

Challenge!

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

Teenage free time

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

'Do you ⁴ _____ sports, Gábor?'

'Of course. I'm into football. I ⁵ _____ it! I play football four times a week in my local football club.'

'Do you do other sports?'

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

'What other activities do you do?'

'I love listening to music. I can ⁷ _____ a few instruments, too. I can play the piano, the guitar and the saxophone well – and the cello and violin ⁸ _____ !'

- 1 **a** having **b** has **c** have
- 2 **a** getting **b** gets **c** got
- 3 **a** does **b** done **c** do
- 4 **a** hate **b** like **c** don't like
- 5 **a** love **b** hate **c** dislike
- 6 **a** dislike **b** like **c** interested
- 7 **a** plays **b** playing **c** play
- 8 **a** badly **b** bad **c** not good