

TALKING ABOUT YOUR TASTES

- 1** Work in pairs. Which of these things do you enjoy? Why? Which do you never do?

cooking doing sport playing computer games
watching films

- 2** Read what Tara says about herself. What kinds of sport does she enjoy?



I'm really into sport because it's fun and I think it's important to keep fit. My favourite sport is tennis. I love it because it's a competitive game, but it's also sociable. I often play with my friends in the summer, and it's fun being outside together, especially when the weather's nice. I also like basketball. It's a great sport, but I'm not very good at it. I think you need to be tall to play basketball, and I'm quite short! I enjoy watching sport on TV, too. I'm a football fan, so I love watching football. For example, I always watch games when my country plays. I'm not keen on rugby, though. I think it's boring!

- 3** Read what Tara says again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why does Tara enjoy tennis?
- 2 Why isn't she very good at basketball?
- 3 What sport does she like watching on TV?

KEY LANGUAGE FOR TALKING ABOUT YOUR TASTES

Talking about likes and dislikes

I like ... I (absolutely/really) love ... I (really) enjoy ... I prefer ... I'm really into ... I don't really like ... I'm not keen on ...

Adding reasons

because, as

Adding extra ideas

and, but, also, too, as well

Adding information about your habits and experiences

I usually ... I sometimes ... I always ... I often ... Last week I ... Last weekend I ... Next summer I'd like to ... One day I want to ...

Giving your opinions

I think ... I don't think ...

Adding examples

for example, for instance, such as, like, especially

- 4** Complete what Tara says with the correct words. Read what she says again and check.

also because but especially example often think too

- 1 I love it it's a competitive game, but it's also sociable.
- 2 I play with my friends in the summer.
- 3 It's fun being outside together, when the weather's nice.
- 4 I like basketball.
- 5 It's a great sport, I'm not very good at it.
- 6 I you need to be tall to play basketball.
- 7 I enjoy watching sport on TV,
- 8 For, I always watch games when my country plays.

- 5** Work in pairs. Read four mini dialogues about people's tastes and answer the questions.

- 1 Which people give a reason in their answer?
- 2 Who gives an example?
- 3 What extra information do you think each person could add?

Maria: What sort of computer games do you play?

Lisa: I like games where you build a town or city because it's fun to watch your city grow.

Ana: Do you like cooking? What kinds of things do you like making?

Josh: Yes, I enjoy cooking. I love making pizzas because you can be really creative with the things you put on them.

Petra: What kinds of things do you like doing in the summer holidays?

Mark: I love going to theme parks because they're really exciting and it's fun to go in a big group.

Mike: What kind of clothes do you like wearing?

Eva: I prefer to wear casual clothes like jeans and T-shirts, especially at the weekend when I'm relaxing.

6 Match one piece of extra information to each answer in Exercise 5. Are any of the ideas the same as yours?

- A:** Last weekend I went to an amazing water park. There was a really big water slide which was quite scary!
- B:** I think it's better to wear clothes you're comfortable in, rather than trying to be really fashionable.
- C:** For instance, my favourite game is called *Future City*. You have to build a city in the year 2050. It's really cool!
- D:** I'd like to learn more about cooking, and maybe study it at college when I'm older.

7 Look at the extra information in Exercise 6 again. Which gives ...

- 1 an opinion?
- 2 information about a past experience?
- 3 an example?
- 4 information about a future plan?

8 When we add personal information, we often talk about things we do regularly, things we did in the past, or things we want to do in the future. Complete what Sam says. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



I love doing adventurous activities such as karting. I ¹ (think) karting is a really exciting sport. I first ² (try) it two years ago and I ³ (love) it immediately! I ⁴ (not go) very often because there isn't a karting track near my home, but my parents ⁵ (always / take) me in the summer holidays. I'd like ⁶ (be) a racing driver one day if I can, but I think it's very difficult!

9 Complete the extra ideas in the sentences with *and*, *also*, *too* or *but*.

- 1 I really enjoy doing drama at school. I go to drama classes at the weekend.
- 2 I love this sport because it's really exciting. It's quite challenging,
- 3 I enjoy visiting other countries learning about other cultures.
- 4 I like most kinds of pop music, I'm not very keen on rap.
- 5 I listen to music a lot, and I'm learning to play the guitar at the moment.

10 Choose the correct words to complete what the people say.

- A:** In the summer holidays I like spending lots of time with my friends *because* / *also* I never have enough free time to spend with friends when we're at school.
- B:** I love exciting sports *example* / *such as* climbing. I'm not very good yet, *but* / *also* I'm getting better!
- C:** My favourite films are horror films. Some people don't like them because they're too scary, *but* / *I like* / *I think* they're great!
- D:** I love cooking! I often make meals for my friends, and *I want* / *I like* to train as a chef when I leave school.
- E:** I like science fiction computer games, *especially* / *example* ones about space travel.
- F:** Volleyball is my favourite sport. Last weekend, *I often play* / *played* in a tournament in my town. It was good fun, and we won!
- G:** I live near the sea, so I enjoy water sports *such* / *like* swimming and sailing. *I think* / *don't think* sailing is amazing because the sea is different every day.
- H:** I'm really into fashion. I like wearing smart clothes and I often go shopping for clothes at the weekend. I love nice shoes, *also* / *too*. I've got a lot of shoes!

11 In pairs, ask and answer the questions. When you answer, give your opinions and add extra ideas and information.

- 1 What kinds of sport do you enjoy?
- 2 Do you like playing computer games? What sort of games do you play?
- 3 What types of films do you like?
- 4 Are you interested in fashion? What sort of clothes do you like wearing?
- 5 What types of food do you like?
- 6 What do you enjoy doing in the summer holidays?

Active listening

Listen while your partner answers. Tick (✓) words and phrases from the *Key Language* box that you hear.