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Skills and interests

Lesson 1 Vocabulary and Listening

1 Let's start!

🔄 Complete the names of hobbies and sports with the missing letters.

- 1 ch__s
- 2 ro__r s____ng
- 3 cy__i_g
- 4 sk__ng

2 Choose the correct option to complete the phrases.

- 1 ballet **making** / **dancing**
- 2 collecting **in a band** / **action figures**
- 3 playing **keyboards** / **pottery**
- 4 singing **animation** / **in a band**
- 5 making **comics** / **the drums**
- 6 hip hop **dancing** / **pottery**

3 Match phrases a–d with photos 1–4.



- a playing the drums c animation
b pottery d making jewellery

4 Complete the text with the correct verb: **do**, **go** or **play**.

I love sport! I'm in the Table Tennis Club at school, so I ¹_____ table tennis twice a week and I ²_____ karate on Saturday mornings. In the summer holidays, I sometimes ³_____ horse-riding with my brother. In the winter, I often ⁴_____ snowboarding with my friends in the mountains, or when it's very cold, we ⁵_____ ice-skating on the lake. I think snowboarding is my favourite sport. It's really exciting!

Skills zone



When you have to decide if a sentence is true or false:

- read each sentence carefully
- underline key information
- pay attention to the negative sentences.

5 Read the **Skills zone** box. Then read the sentences in exercise 6. Underline the key information in each sentence. Which sentences are negative?

Sentences ____, ____ and ____ are negative.

6 Listen to the conversation. Decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F).

- 1 Poppy goes to Pottery Club on Wednesday afternoons. _____
- 2 She doesn't play keyboards in her band. _____
- 3 She doesn't like table tennis. _____
- 4 Connor loves table tennis. _____
- 5 Poppy doesn't want to make jewellery with Connor and his sister. _____



CHARGE
YOUR GRAMMAR!

1 Match the endings of the sentences a–e with their beginnings 1–5.

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|--------------|------------------------------|
| 1 They | a making that strange noise? |
| 2 What was | b he swimming at the pool? |
| 3 Mia wasn't | c was checking his time. |
| 4 Was | d were playing tennis. |
| 5 The coach | e doing karate. |

2 Complete the sentences with the past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

- You _____ (not sleep) at nine o'clock last night.
- What _____ (she/wear)?
- Mourad _____ (not play) table tennis yesterday afternoon.
- _____ (you/read) a book at three o'clock yesterday?
- I _____ (do) karate at the sports centre last night.

3 Look at the pictures and write affirmative and negative sentences. Use the past continuous.

do karate • make comics • play chess •
play the drums • watch TV

At seven o'clock last night, ...

Aaliyah



Brandon



Jerry and his brother



- Aaliyah was going horse-riding.
- She wasn't ...
- Brandon ...
- He ...
- Jerry and his brother ...
- They ...

4 Complete the dialogue. You can write one word in each gap.

- Zoe:** Why is your school uniform wet, Max?
- Max:** There was a big storm at four o'clock today. I ¹ _____ walking home from school and I got ² _____. It was ³ _____ with rain.
- Zoe:** I didn't know there was a storm.
- Max:** Really? What ⁴ _____ you doing at four o'clock?
- Zoe:** I was with Mona. We ⁵ _____ practising our new song. We finished at half past five and it ⁶ _____ raining then. In fact, ⁷ _____ it or not, it was quite warm and sunny.
- Max:** No way! You didn't hear the storm? It was really loud and scary. I was ⁸ _____!

5 Look at pictures 1–4 and correct the sentences. Use the past continuous.



When the teacher came into the classroom, ...

- Dan was playing the drums.
He wasn't playing the drums. He was sleeping.
- Theo and Emma were making comics.

- Ciara was doing karate.

- Maya and Fred were playing chess.

1 Let's start!

🔄 Complete the phrases with the words in the box.

collecting • hip hop • making • playing

- 1 _____ the drums
- 2 _____ dancing
- 3 _____ action figures
- 4 _____ jewellery

2 Complete the film genre words for pictures 1–6 with the missing letters.



r _ _ _ t _ c



f _ _ t _ _ y



h _ _ _ r



m _ _ i _ _ l



c _ _ _ dy



s _ _ _ _ ce
f _ _ t _ _ n

3 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 Lots of exciting things happen in a(n) **action film** / **musical** and people sometimes run or drive very fast.
- 2 We watched a great **comedy** / **science-fiction film** last night – it was really funny.
- 3 I don't like watching **animated** / **horror** films because they are very scary.
- 4 One of my favourite **action films** / **musicals** is *Matilda*. The songs are amazing!
- 5 I love **animated** / **romantic** films like *Inside Out* and *Kung Fu Panda*.
- 6 My cousin always wants to watch **romantic** / **horror** films about people in love, but I think they're really boring.

4 Complete the dialogue with the correct words in the box.

director • main character •
plot • special effects

Ted: Do you want to watch *Enola Holmes*?

Ditya: I don't know. Who's in it?

Ted: Well, Millie Bobby Brown plays the ¹_____, Enola Holmes. Sam Claflin and Henry Cavill are her brothers, Mycroft and Sherlock Holmes. And the ²_____ is Harry Bradbeer.

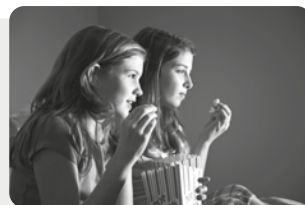
Ditya: So what's the ³_____?

Ted: Enola is trying to find her mother, Eudoria. It's a very exciting film. In one part, she jumps off a moving train and the ⁴_____ are amazing!

Ditya: OK, sounds good. Let's watch it.

5 Complete the dialogue. You can write one word in each gap.

I often watch films with my friend Jasmine. I like ¹___ films about magic and strange animals, but Jasmine likes ²___ films about the future. Last weekend, we saw a famous old film, *The Sound of Music*. It's a 1965 film by the ³___ Robert Wise. It's a(n) ⁴___, with songs by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The ⁵___ are Maria and Baron von Trapp. The ⁶___ is quite simple – Maria looks after Baron von Trapp's children, and then they fall in love. I don't usually like ⁷___ films like this because I'm not interested in love stories, but I really enjoyed it.



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|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 a action | b fantasy | c horror |
| 2 a science-fiction | b romantic | c animated |
| 3 a musical | b director | c plot |
| 4 a comedy | b action film | c musical |
| 5 a main characters | b special effects | c directors |
| 6 a director | b main character | c plot |
| 7 a action | b romantic | c fantasy |

CHARGE YOUR GRAMMAR!

1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- While you **were running** / **ran**, it fell out of your bag.
- We **were realising** / **realised** we didn't have any food while we were looking for a code.
- Olivia lost her map while she **was crossing** / **crossed** the park.
- It **was starting** / **started** to get dark while we were getting ready.

2 Match the endings of the sentences a–e with their beginnings 1–5.

- When we left home this morning, _____
 - While I was making dinner in the kitchen, _____
 - He was walking to school _____
 - She was playing the keyboards _____
 - The storm started _____
- a when he saw a rabbit.
b while we were watching the film.
c it was pouring with rain.
d a cat jumped in through the window.
e when her friend rang.

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

- A: What _____ (the students / do) when the teacher _____ (come) into the classroom?
B: They _____ (draw) on the board.
- I _____ (see) my teacher while I _____ (wait) at the bus stop.
- When Rashid _____ (wake) up, his brothers _____ (have) breakfast.
- It _____ (rain) when we _____ (arrive) at the beach.
- While he _____ (tidy) his room, he _____ (find) his old phone.

4 Choose the correct option.

I had an awful morning today! First, while I ¹**was sleeping** / **slept**, I ²**was falling** / **fell** out of bed. Then I ³**was having** / **had** an argument with my brother while I ⁴**was having** / **had** breakfast. After breakfast, I walked to the bus stop and waited for the bus. When the bus ⁵**was arriving** / **arrived**, I ⁶**was playing** / **played** a game on my phone. I didn't see the bus and it drove away! Of course, I was late for school!



5 Make sentences from the picture clues 1–4.



- While Lia _____, she _____.



- When my mum _____, we _____.



- We _____ while we _____.

Over To You!

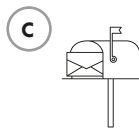
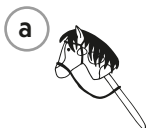


6 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- While I was doing my homework, _____.
- I was listening to music when _____.
- It was sunny while _____.

- 1 Write the words under the correct pictures. Then complete the sentences 1–3 with the correct words.

hobby horse • knit • post box



- 1 Can you put this letter in the _____ for me, please?
 2 I can _____ and often make jumpers for my friends.
 3 My little sister got a beautiful _____ for her birthday.

- 2 Listen and read the text quickly. Complete the sentences with the correct name: *Yuma*, *Katy* or *Elina*.

- 1 _____'s hobby first started in another country.
 2 _____'s hobby is very old.
 3 _____'s hobby is a kind of sport.

- 3 Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

- 1 Where are Yuma's Bonsai trees?
 a outside
 b inside
 c outside and inside
 2 Where did Katy learn to knit?
 a at her grandmother's house
 b at the Yarn Bombing Club
 c when she went to America
 3 What is Elina's hobby?
 a she makes hobby horses
 b she teaches children to ride
 c she rides hobby horses

- 4 Complete the summary of the text with the words in the box. Two words are not needed.

bedroom • competition • Finland • hobbies • knitting • post box • trees • Yarn

In this text, three different people talk about their
 1 _____. Yuma is from Japan and he grows Bonsai 2 _____. It's a very old, traditional hobby. Katy is from the UK and she is in a 3 _____ Bombing Club. She loves 4 _____ things and then she puts them outside. Elina's hobby is hobby horse-riding. It's very popular in 5 _____ and there is a big hobby horse 6 _____ every year.

A New Hobby?

I'm looking for a new hobby! Tell me about your hobbies. What do you do in your free time?



Yuma, Japan

I love gardens, plants and trees, and that's why I love my hobby – Bonsai. Bonsai is more than a thousand years old. It is a traditional Japanese hobby and it is the art of growing very small trees in small pots. It's quite difficult, but I think the trees look really beautiful. Some of my Bonsai trees are in our garden, and some are in my bedroom.



Katy, the UK

When I was seven years old, I visited my grandma and she taught me how to knit. Now I'm in a Yarn Bombing Club! Yarn bombing is a kind of art. It started in the USA, but now it's very popular in the UK. We knit beautiful things and then we leave these things in different places outside. For example, I made a special knitted 'hat' for the post box in our village. It looks great and it makes people feel happy.



Elina, Finland

Some people think my hobby is very strange and funny, but I love it and it's very popular in Finland. A hobby horse is a long stick, with a horse's head on one end. It's usually a toy for young children. It's also a sport for teenagers. I'm in a Hobby Horse Club and we practise running and jumping with our hobby horses. There's a big hobby horse competition every year in Finland. Last year, nearly 2000 people were in the competition.

- 1 Look at the dialogue on page 52 of the Student's Book. Decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F).



- 1 Oscar doesn't like board games. _____
- 2 He likes reading comics. _____
- 3 He's not keen on animated films. _____
- 4 Amelia loves individual sports. _____
- 5 She isn't good at singing. _____
- 6 She doesn't like hip hop music. _____

- 2 Choose the sentence that means the same.

- 1 I'm not keen on drawing.
 - a I don't like drawing.
 - b I can't draw well.
- 2 I'm a fan of ballet dancing.
 - a I'm good at ballet dancing.
 - b I like ballet dancing.
- 3 I'm terrible at swimming.
 - a I can't swim well.
 - b I love swimming.
- 4 I'm very good at karate.
 - a I like karate.
 - b I can do karate well.
- 5 I'm really into playing the drums.
 - a I'm good at playing the drums.
 - b I enjoy playing the drums.




- 3 Complete the dialogues with: *at, in, into, of* or *on*.

- 1 A: Are you _____ horror films?
B: Not really. I don't like scary films.
- 2 A: My sister's a fan _____ dance music.
B: Really? I prefer hip hop.
- 3 A: Do you want to play chess?
B: Well, OK, but I'm not very good _____ it.
- 4 A: Let's find out more about the Guitar Club.
B: Good idea. I'm interested _____ music and I want to learn a new instrument.
- 5 A: Let's play a video game.
B: I'm not keen _____ video games. How about a board game?

- 4 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

fan • good • interested •
into • keen • terrible

- A: I want to try a new sport.
B: Are you ¹_____ in ball sports?
A: Hmm, I'm not sure. I'm ²_____ at basketball and I'm not very ³_____ at tennis.
B: Oh, well, are you ⁴_____ individual sports?
A: Yes. I do karate at the sports centre, and I really like that.
B: OK, and are you ⁵_____ on winter sports?
A: Yes, I am. I'm a ⁶_____ of ice-skating and I love skiing.
B: Great! There's a new Snowboard Centre by the library. Let's go there tomorrow.

- 5  Listen to the questions. Answer with phrases from this lesson.

1 Look at the Tyler's blog on page 53 of the Student's Book. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences about him.

- 1 Tyler's new hobby is **table tennis** / **snowboarding**.
- 2 He saw a poster about a hobbies fair while he was **looking at some comics** / **waiting for a bus**.
- 3 He talked to a **friend** / **volunteer** about snowboarding.
- 4 His parents gave him a **snowboarding lesson** / **snowboard** for his birthday.

2 Match the endings of the sentences a–e with their beginnings 1–5.

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|---|---|
| 1 I made my first comic about | a when I had an idea for a comic character. |
| 2 I was reading a story | b later, I opened my own comic shop. |
| 3 While I was listening to a podcast, | c I heard about an online comic class. |
| 4 I was looking for a present for my friend one | d five years ago. |
| 5 Four years | e day when I found a great comic book. |

Writing tip!

When describing past events, remember:

- *past simple* describes completed actions in the past
- *past continuous* describes long or repeated actions in the past.

past continuous past simple

While I was having breakfast, I read an online article about making pottery.

3 Write full sentences from the prompts. Use the **past simple** and the **past continuous**.

- 1 Last year / I / join / a Karate Club.

- 2 I / search / for information about winter sports / when / I / read / a blog about snowboarding.

- 3 Two years ago / my brother / give / me / an action figure.

4 While / I / walk / to school / I / see / a poster / about horse-riding classes.

5 A day later / I / buy / some keyboards.

4 Complete Evie's blog post with the phrases in the box.

a week later • because it's fun •
go to the club • keen on •
one day • six months ago •
visited their website • was cycling

MY BLOG



Hi everyone!

I'm really ¹_____ sports. I play football and basketball, and I go cycling every weekend. About ²_____, I started a new sport. I ³_____ to my friend's house ⁴_____ when I saw a notice about a Table Tennis Club. I decided to find out more about it. I ⁵_____ and discovered that the club meets every weekend on Saturday mornings. ⁶_____, I went to the club and played some games. I really enjoyed it and I was very good at it! Now I ⁷_____ every weekend. I love it ⁸_____ and it's a great way to make new friends.

5 Write a blog post about a hobby you enjoy.

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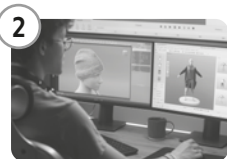
- how you found out about it,
- how often you do it,
- why you enjoy it.

Use the **past simple** and the **past continuous** to describe events in the past. Use time words to show the order of events. Write 100–120 words.

1 Put the letters in the correct order to make words for hobbies.



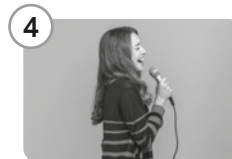
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___ /5 points

2 Complete the film words and phrases with the missing letters.

- The important person in a film is the m__n ch____r.
- The person who gives instructions to the actors is the d____r.
- A very scary film is called a h____r film.
- A film about the future and technology is called a s____e f____n film.
- A very funny film is called a c____y.
- A film with magic and strange animals is called a f__t__y film.

___ /6 points

3 Complete the dialogue with the past continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

do • draw • help • make •
not laugh • use • watch

Lucy: I tried to call you yesterday evening, but you didn't reply. What ¹ _____ you _____?

Dan: Oh sorry! I ² _____ my brothers. They ³ _____ a comic.

Lucy: That sounds fun. ⁴ _____ they _____ your computer?

Dan: No, they weren't. They ⁵ _____ pictures on paper. Where were you?

Lucy: I was at home. I ⁶ _____ a comedy on TV, but I ⁷ _____. It wasn't very funny.

___ /7 points

4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- I was talking to my friend on the phone **when / while** my brother came home from school.
- The dog ate our pizza while we **watched / were watching** a film.
- My cousins were singing 'Happy Birthday' when I **was opening / opened** the door.
- While Ingrid **was running / ran** in the park, she saw an owl.

___ /4 points

5 Complete the dialogues.

1 A: Are you a f_____ of action films?

B: Yes, I am. I'm really i_____ them.

2 A: I'm not k_____ on table tennis. I think it's really boring.

B: Oh, I love it! But I'm t_____ at it!

3 A: My sister's i_____ in snowboarding. She wants to take some lessons.

B: Well, she's very g_____ at skateboarding, so that's a great idea.

___ /6 points

Level up!

Score 20–28 points – Well done!

Score 11–19 points – Not bad!

Score 1–10 points – Keep trying!

→ Reinforcement and Challenge, p. 47



Discover

1



Listen to a conversation about an eco-hero. Match 1–3 with a–c to make sentences.

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Leo uses social media to | a bring wildlife to parks. |
| 2 He uses his YouTube channel to | b talk about nature and animals. |
| 3 He works on projects to | c give facts about animals |



2



Listen again. Answer the questions.

- What is the girl listening to? _____
- Where does Leo live? _____
- Which other place did he do his wildlife project? _____
- What award did he win? _____



Learn

Skills for life: independent thinking – challenge opinions

3

Which response challenges the opinion (1–4)? Choose a or b.

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1 Climate change isn't caused by human activity. | |
| a Most scientists disagree. | b That's a fact! |
| 2 We can't recycle a lot things in our homes. | |
| a That's true! | b I'm not so sure. |
| 3 It's not everyone's responsibility to protect the environment. | |
| a I don't believe that. | b I totally agree. |



Plan

4

Plan your comic-story. Complete sentences for each picture.

- One day, _____ was _____ when he/she saw _____.
He/She wanted to do something about it.
- Later, he/she _____ when he/she had an idea. He _____.
- He/She _____ and _____. He/she had a lot of fun while.

- After that, he/she _____.
- Two days later, he/she _____ when he/she _____.
- It was important because _____. He/She felt very _____.



Reflect

5

Think about your project. Read and choose.

I can understand why eco-heroes are important.

I can make and tell a story about an eco-hero.

I can challenge opinions.



Reinforcement

- 1 Find six words in the word snake. Write them under the correct heading below.

horse-riding action pottery making comics karate comedy

| Type of film | Sport | Art and crafts |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

- 2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 **play** / **go** horse-riding
- 2 **do** / **go** karate
- 3 **play** / **make** animation
- 4 **play** / **go** ice-skating
- 5 **play** / **go** table tennis
- 6 **go** / **play** the drums

- 3 Choose the correct answers: a or b.

- 1 We _____ waiting for the bus.
a weren't b wasn't
- 2 _____ you playing keyboards at 7 pm?
a Was b Were
- 3 I _____ doing my homework.
a was b were
- 4 Who _____ talking to?
a you were b were you
- 5 They _____ listening to their favourite song.
a was b were

Challenge

- 4 Find one wrong word in each sentence and replace it with a word in the box.

action figures • karate •
science-fiction • table tennis • the drums

- 1 I love watching romantic films about the future and other planets.

- 2 My sister plays pottery in a band – she's really good!

- 3 Sam and his friends collect hip hop.

- 4 We do horse-riding every Thursday afternoon.

- 5 Do you want to play skateboarding with me tomorrow?

- 5 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

While I was having lunch yesterday, _____

_____.
I was walking home from school when _____

_____.
When I saw my friend, he/she _____

_____.
We were doing our homework when _____

_____.

