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Get ideas

1. Match the photos with the sentences.

A

I'm good at playing chess, but I hate competitions!

B

I enjoy writing stories. My dream is to write a book one day.

C

My hobby is shopping. I'm very good at it!

D

My favourite sport is basketball. My dream is to play for my country.

E

I love dancing. My dream is to be on stage.

F

I like Maths and computer games. My dream is to make a computer game.

2. Which person from Exercise 1 would you like to be? Why?

Time to read

3. Look at the four people on page 9. What are their talents?

4. Read the article. Choose the best answer, A, B or C.

1. Faryl plays football on Saturdays.
   - A Right
   - B Wrong
   - C Doesn't say

2. Only two contestants are younger than Faryl.
   - A Right
   - B Wrong
   - C Doesn't say

3. George always dances at a dance school.
   - A Right
   - B Wrong
   - C Doesn't say

4. George is hurt in his dance show.
   - A Right
   - B Wrong
   - C Doesn't say

5. Kate's dog likes being on stage.
   - A Right
   - B Wrong
   - C Doesn't say

6. Kate's dog is difficult to work with.
   - A Right
   - B Wrong
   - C Doesn't say

7. At first, the judges aren't sure about Jeremy's act.
   - A Right
   - B Wrong
   - C Doesn't say
**HAVE THEY GOT TALENT?**

These four young people are in a TV talent show. They're about to go on stage in front of a live audience. They all love what they do, but whose dreams will come true?

**FARYL SMITH**

Faryl Smith loves classical singing, but she's also good at football and plays for a team every week. At twelve years old, Faryl is one of the youngest contestants. When she finishes her song, some people have tears in their eyes.

'I'm a normal girl with a big voice.'

**GEORGE SAMPSON**

George Sampson, who is fourteen, often has an audience because he usually dances in the streets of Manchester. He uses the money he earns from these shows to pay for dance lessons because they're expensive. On stage, George's act ends with a crash. It doesn't look good. Is he OK?

'My dream is to travel the world.'

**JEREMY LYNCH**

When twenty-year-old Jeremy Lynch tells the judges that he's good at 'freestyle football', they are surprised. 'Do you think you can make this entertainment and not sport?' they ask. 'Just watch me!' he smiles. Jeremy starts juggling the ball with his feet. Is he the winner?

'Just watch me!'

**KATE NICHOLAS AND GIN**

When I meet Kate, sixteen, and her six-year-old dog, Gin, the dog wags her tail. She always enjoys performing. Animals are sometimes hard to work with, but Kate isn't worried. The music plays and Gin starts dancing backwards – on two legs! When they finish their dance, they both smile. The judges look pleased, too.

'We spend most of the time with each other.'

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**5** Complete the table with information from the article.

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**Summarise**

Use the table in Exercise 5 to give information about each contestant in your own words. Add any extra information you can remember.

Faryl is good at ...
Kate and Gin enjoy ...
George loves ...
Jeremy's talent is ...

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**Time to talk**

**6** Who do you want to win the talent show? Why?
Talent and hobbies

1 Find these things in the picture.
- audience
- contestants
- judges
- stage
- winner

2 Complete the sentences with these words.
- act
- dream
- entertainment
- live
- perform
- show
- take part
- talent

1. My dad sometimes does a magic _____________.
2. This funny film is great ____________________ for the whole family.
3. My ________________ is to work with animals when I’m older.
4. He’s too shy to ________________ in front of thousands of people.
5. Listen to the radio. It’s a ________________ concert with Girls Aloud.
6. Good evening and welcome to our ________________!
7. Angela is a fantastic singer. She’s got a lot of ________________.
8. I ________________ in our school show every year.

3 Read the article. Choose the best answer, A, B or C.

Jeremy and his friends often 1) ________________ freestyle football 2) ________________ . They don’t normally go on 3) ________________ , they do their 4) ________________ in the street or in a shopping centre. They usually have a large 5) ________________ , but there isn’t a 6) ________________ ! They have definitely got 7) ________________ . It’s their 8) ________________ to go to Argentina and meet Maradona.

1) A perform  
2) A dreams  
3) A audience  
4) A dance  
5) A judge  
6) A judge  
7) A talent  
8) A entertainment  

B take part  
C have  
C shows  
C competition  
C dream  
C contestant  
C show  
C winner

Look! Many noun forms are the same as the verb form.
judge (n) — judge (v)
Some are very similar.
performance (n) — perform (v)

Memory game
Write five words from this page that you find hard to spell. Memorise them, close your books, then write them again. Quiz your partner — who can remember more words correctly?

Time to talk

4 Do you have shows like these in your country? Which one would you like to be on? Why?
Britain’s got talent  Who wants to be a millionaire? Pop idol
Talking about the present

**Grammar Zone**

**Present simple**

A something that is always or usually true
George lives in Manchester.

B a habit or routine
George normally dances in the streets.

C do/does to make questions and don't/doesn't to make negatives
Do you spend a lot of time together?
No, we don't

**Time expressions**

D adverbs of frequency before the present simple
George often has an audience.

E other time phrases at the beginning or end of a sentence
Faryl plays for a team every week.

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1 Make questions and sentences using the present simple.

1 She / love / dancing and singing
She loves dancing and singing.

2 My best friend / not / like / basketball

3 do / he / play chess?

4 Our teacher / take part / in talent shows

5 My brother / go / to stage school

6 I / not / watch TV / every day

7 do / they / enjoy / playing football?

8 My cousins / not / play / tennis

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs.

1) go to dance lessons every week with Leo. We normally 2) enjoy our lessons and we 3) work very hard. We often 4) new dance moves.

5) taking part in a dance, but I 6) jumping and kicking. Look at Leo! He 7) jumping high in the air. He often 8) a big kick, too. It 9) easy. Be careful, Leo! Don't jump off the stage!

3 Write the words in the correct order.

1 I every Saturday go shopping

2 often George plays computer games

3 We in the evening watch TV

4 always takes her dog Kate for a walk

5 plays football at the weekend usually Faryl

4 Complete the article with the best answer, A, B or C for each space.

1) Charlie Parker goes to the Anatoly Karpov Chess School in Kansas, USA. 2) the children

3) sleep in large dormitories. They

4) get up early and eat breakfast together. They 5) play chess for two hours a day with a special chess teacher. Charlie 6) takes part in competitions 7) His dream is to be world chess champion one day!

5 What do you usually do at the weekend/in the summer? Write three sentences.

I often go swimming at the weekend.
Get ideas
1 What is the most popular hobby in your class?

Time to listen
2 Listen to the conversations and write the correct name.

Alex  Barbara  Georgia  Greg  Harry  Jessica
Lara  Nadia  Nick and Jim  Samuel

1 Harry likes playing computer games.
2 [ ] likes making models.
3 [ ] likes break dancing.
4 [ ] likes skateboarding.
5 [ ] likes collecting comics.
6 [ ] likes juggling.
7 [ ] likes riding her bike.
8 [ ] likes telling jokes.
9 [ ] likes doing magic tricks.

3 Look at Exercise 2. Choose the correct answer.
1 Does Harry like making models?
A Yes, he does.
B No, he doesn’t.
2 Does Georgia enjoy painting?
A Yes, she does.
B No, she doesn’t.
3 Do Barbara and Jessica like telling jokes?
A Yes, they do.
B No, they don’t.
4 Do Nick and Jim enjoy juggling?
A Yes, they do.
B No, they don’t.

Listen and match the speaker with the hobby.

People
1 James [ ]
2 Tom [ ]
3 Becky [ ]
4 Lucy [ ]
5 Alifie [ ]

Hobbies
A magic tricks
B telling jokes
C break dancing
D skateboarding
E singing
F painting a picture
G juggling
H karate

Listen again. Who is the winner?

Asking and answering

Examzone
What can you do if you are not sure of the answer the first time?
Just make a note of the answer you think is right.

Present simple questions and short answers
A do or does for questions in the present simple
Do you like skateboarding?
B do/don’t or does/doesn’t for short answers
Yes, I do./No, I don’t.

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Get ideas
1 Who is interested in sports in your class? Who is interested in hobbies like music and dance?
2 Write the quiz questions. Then answer the questions.

How laid-back are you?

1 how many / hobbies / you / have?
   How many hobbies do you have?
   A 1 or 2 hobbies and interests
   B 3–5 hobbies and interests
   C I have so many that I can’t count them.

2 what types of hobbies / you / prefer?
   A mainly arty
   B a mix of sporty and arty
   C mainly sporty

3 how many hours / you / usually / sleep each night?
   A 9 hours or more
   B usually 8–9 hours
   C less than 8 hours

4 you / like / spending time on your own?
   A I love spending time on my own.
   B I don’t mind spending time on my own.
   C I can’t stand spending time on my own.

5 what / your dream / in life?
   A Well, I often daydream.
   B My dream is just to be happy.
   C I dream of being famous and successful.

laid-back very relaxed about everything

Gladly - I’m sure you love being busy and you never relax.
Mostly - I relax by enjoying nice things to do, but I don’t know how to relax.
Mostly to relax, I listen to music or read books.

3 Ask a partner about his/her answers.
4 Tell another student about your partner’s answers.

Listen and complete the conversation between Eva and Leo with words and phrases from the Useful language.

Eva: This is so cool! I 1) .................. love ........... skateboarding! Come on, Leo!
Leo: You know I’m 2) .................. skateboarding. I always fall over!
Eva: Well, what are you 3) .................. ?
Leo: Lots of things! I’m 4) .................. computer games, I’m 5) .................. painting pictures and making models, too.
Eva: But what sports do you 6) .................. , Leo?
Leo: Er, I 7) .................. break dancing. I practise every day. Just watch me, ... Owl!

Useful language

Likes and dislikes
I’m good/brilliant at...
I’m keen on ... noun or -ing
I like/love/enjoy ...
I don’t mind ... noun or -ing
I’m OK/not good at ...
I’m not keen on ... noun or -ing
I don’t like/dislike ...

Time to speak

6 Practise the conversation in Exercise 5 with a partner. Change the words in bold.

7 Make questions. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.
what / hobbies / you / enjoy?
What hobbies do you enjoy?
what / sports / you / keen on?
what / school subjects / good at?
you / have / any other interests?
Get ideas

1 You are an interviewer. Choose three things you need for your interview.

My list of questions
What time do you usually get up?
Why do you like dogs?

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Kate Nicholas
Tel: 07781 213650
Email: info@kateandgin.ed.uk

2 Read the interview with Kate. Match three questions with her answers.

1 What time do you usually get up?
2 Why do you like dogs?
3 Where do you live?
4 Where do you normally train?
5 Are you good at dancing?
6 Do your parents have dogs?
7 Do you take part in many competitions?
8 Does Gin travel a lot?

Interviewer: A ....
Kate: Well, I like all animals, but dogs are definitely my favourite animal because they're so cute! Dogs are also really friendly and they like to learn new tricks. My parents are dog trainers, too, so we all love dogs.

Interviewer: B ....
Kate: We spend a lot of time together and we train for several hours most days—the garden is the best place. It takes a long time to learn a new routine so I usually get up early before school and we train together. I'm a student so I don't have much time!

Interviewer: C ....
Kate: Gin loves taking part in competitions, so yes, we travel a lot. It's fun to meet new people. Sometimes she stays with me in hotels, too! Gin is my best friend.

Find the right words

3 Find words in bold in the interview with these meanings.

We use .... to give a reason why.
because...

to add extra information.
...

to add opposite information.
...

to give a reason. It means therefore.
...

at the end of a sentence, after a comma. It means also, as well.
...

1 ...because...
2 .....................
3 .....................
4 .....................
5 .....................
Plan ahead

4 Complete the application form with information from Exercises 1 and 2.

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Useful language

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6 Complete the application form with information about you.

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7 Answer these questions about your hopes and dreams.

- What are you interested in?
- What are you good at?
- Do you have a special talent?
- What's your dream?

Time to write a paragraph

8 Write a short paragraph about your hopes and dreams. Use your answers in Exercise 7.

Time to watch Britain's got talent!

9 Watch the DVD clip and do the activities on page 130.