

Enjoying Hobbies in Free Time

COMPREHENSION • VOCABULARY • DISCUSSION

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Reading Passage

Read the passage carefully. Each paragraph is labelled with a letter for easy reference.

- A** Many people have hobbies that they love to do in their free time. For example, Maria enjoys painting. She paints every Saturday afternoon in her small studio. She uses bright colors and often paints flowers and landscapes. Her friend Tom prefers playing soccer. He plays soccer every Sunday with his friends in the park. They have a lot of fun and sometimes play for hours. Another hobby that people enjoy is reading. Lisa loves to read mystery novels. She visits the library every two weeks to find new books. Sometimes, she reads at home in her cozy chair. These activities help people relax and enjoy their time away from work or school. Everyone can find a hobby that makes them happy!

Vocabulary Glossary

Key words and phrases from the passage. Study them before attempting the exercise below.

WORD / PHRASE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
studio	a special room where an artist works	<i>Anna has a small studio where she paints every day.</i>
landscapes	pictures of natural scenes like mountains, rivers, and trees	<i>The artist painted beautiful landscapes of the countryside.</i>
mystery	a story about a crime or something unknown that needs to be solved	<i>I enjoy reading mystery books because I like solving puzzles.</i>
cozy	comfortable and warm	<i>The room was small but very cozy with a soft chair.</i>
relax	to become calm and not worried	<i>I like to relax by listening to music after a long day.</i>

Vocabulary Exercise — Fill in the Blank

Use one word or phrase from the glossary above to complete each sentence. Each item is used only once. Answers are on the final page.

1. Maria goes to her _____ to paint every Saturday.
2. She likes to paint flowers and _____ in her artwork.
3. Lisa enjoys reading _____ novels because they are exciting.
4. Lisa reads her books in a _____ chair at home.
5. These hobbies help people _____ after work or school.
6. Tom and his friends play soccer in the _____ every Sunday.

Comprehension Questions

These questions are different from the online practice test. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D). Answers and explanations are on the final page.

Question 1

What does Maria often paint in her studio?

- A. Animals
- B. Cars
- C. Flowers and landscapes
- D. Buildings

Question 2

Where does Tom play soccer with his friends?

- A. In a gym
- B. In the park
- C. On the beach
- D. In a stadium

Question 3

How often does Lisa visit the library?

- A. Every day
- B. Once a week
- C. Every two weeks
- D. Once a month

Question 4

Why do people enjoy their hobbies according to the passage?

- A. To make money
- B. To become famous
- C. To relax and enjoy their time
- D. To win competitions

Question 5

Which hobby involves visiting the library?

- A. Playing soccer
- B. Painting
- C. Reading
- D. Gardening

Discussion & Writing Prompts

Each prompt references a specific detail from the passage above. Use for classroom discussion or a short written response (150–200 words).

1. The passage mentions Maria painting every Saturday. What do you think makes painting a popular hobby for many people?

2. Paragraph mentions that Tom plays soccer every Sunday. Why do you think team sports are important for social interactions?

3. According to the passage, Lisa loves reading mystery novels. Why do you think mystery novels are appealing to readers, and what types of stories do you enjoy?

Answer Key

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Q1 C

Q2 B

Q3 C

Q4 C

Q5 C

VOCABULARY EXERCISE

FIB1 studio

FIB2 landscapes

FIB3 mystery

FIB4 cozy

FIB5 relax

FIB6 park

Comprehension Question Explanations

Why the correct answer is right — and why each wrong option is incorrect.

1. What does Maria often paint in her studio?

✓ C — Flowers and landscapes The passage states that Maria often paints flowers and landscapes.

✗ A — Animals The passage does not mention animals in connection with Maria's paintings.

✗ B — Cars Maria's paintings of cars are not mentioned in the passage.

✗ D — Buildings The passage does not mention Maria painting buildings.

2. Where does Tom play soccer with his friends?

✓ B — In the park The passage says Tom plays soccer in the park with his friends.

✗ A — In a gym The passage does not mention Tom playing in a gym.

✗ C — On the beach The beach is not mentioned as a location for Tom's soccer games.

✗ D — In a stadium A stadium is not mentioned in the passage as a place where Tom plays.

3. How often does Lisa visit the library?

✓ C — Every two weeks The passage states that Lisa visits the library every two weeks.

✗ A — Every day The passage does not say Lisa visits the library every day.

✗ B — Once a week Once a week is not mentioned in the passage.

✗ D — Once a month The passage states Lisa visits more frequently than once a month.

4. Why do people enjoy their hobbies according to the passage?

✓ C — To relax and enjoy their time The passage states that hobbies help people relax and enjoy their time away from work or school.

✗ A — To make money The passage does not mention making money as a reason for hobbies.

✗ B — To become famous Becoming famous is not mentioned as a reason in the passage.

✗ D — To win competitions The passage does not mention winning competitions.

5. Which hobby involves visiting the library?

✓ C — Reading

The passage mentions that Lisa visits the library to find books for her reading hobby.

✗ A — Playing soccer

Playing soccer takes place in the park, not the library.

✗ B — Painting

Painting is done in a studio, not related to the library.

✗ D — Gardening

Gardening is not mentioned in the passage.

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