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Leisure time, hobbies and games

1.1  **47** Listen to two people, Christa and James, talking about what they do in their free time. What do they prefer doing: going out or staying in?

Speaker 1 (Christa): _____ Speaker 2 (James): _____

1.2  **47** Listen again and mark what each person says they do: C for Christa and J for James.

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| 1 eat out with friends | <u> J </u> | 7 watch sport on TV | <u> </u> | 13 go to the beach | <u> </u> |
| 2 go to a party | <u> </u> | 8 paint and draw | <u> </u> | 14 go surfing | <u> </u> |
| 3 cook with friends | <u> </u> | 9 collect old postcards | <u> </u> | 15 go swimming | <u> </u> |
| 4 have a takeaway | <u> </u> | 10 go to junk shops | <u> </u> | 16 watch DVDs | <u> </u> |
| 5 play music | <u> </u> | 11 go clubbing | <u> </u> | 17 play online games | <u> </u> |
| 6 cook for myself | <u> </u> | 12 go to the cinema | <u> </u> | 18 read a book | <u> </u> |

Which of the phrases above could you use to describe your leisure time?

1.3 Put the expressions in the correct place in the table below (some can go in more than one place). Then add any expressions from 1.2 to the table.

a barbecue cards a club a concert a coffee a drive a film friends round games a match
~~a party~~ a play a quiet night in a restaurant shopping the theatre ~~TV~~ a walk

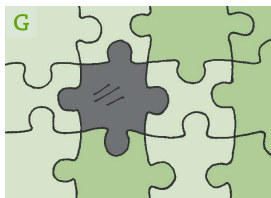
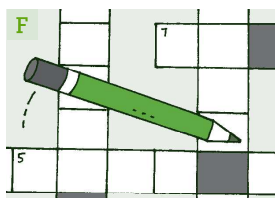
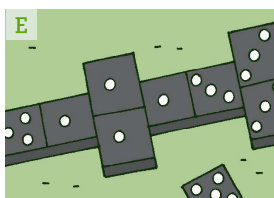
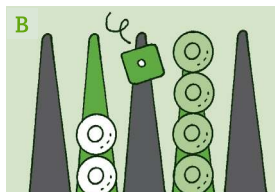
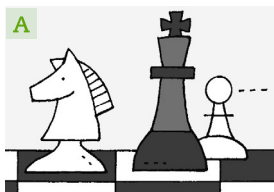
staying in	going out
have <i>a party</i>	go
watch TV	go to
play	go for

1.4 Write two sentences about the things you prefer to do in your free time. Use some of the expressions from 1.2 and 1.3.

When I have some free time, I prefer to ... , and I also enjoy ... and ...

I don't really like ... or ...

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2.1 Match the pictures with the words for games and pastimes.

- 1 jigsaw G 2 crossword _____ 3 computer game _____
 4 dominoes _____ 5 scrabble _____ 6 backgammon _____
 7 chess _____ 8 sudoku _____

Vocabulary note

We **play** games, e.g. chess. We **do** puzzles, e.g. a crossword. We **collect** objects, e.g. stamps.

2.2 Complete this paragraph about hobbies, using the correct form of *play, do* and *collect*.

Everyone in my family has a hobby. My brother (1) plays chess; he only took it up recently and he is really good at it. My sister (2) _____ unusual shells and my parents (3) _____ the crossword in the newspaper every day. As for me, someone showed me how sudoku puzzles work and I've really taken to them, so I (4) _____ them all the time now. When we're all together, we often (5) _____ scrabble and we sometimes (6) _____ board games like snakes and ladders or backgammon too.

3.1 PHRASAL VERBS Match these phrasal verbs with an object and a meaning.

<p>take after take off take out take over take to take up take on</p>	<p>Object a few days a business someone you've just met money space someone in your family responsibility</p>	<p>Meaning withdraw accept resemble fill up develop a liking for gain control of spend time away from work</p>
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Vocabulary note

Take up means to begin doing something as a hobby:
I took up chess last year.

Take to means to really enjoy doing something:
I've really taken to sudoku puzzles.

3.2 Use the phrasal verbs with *take* to complete these sentences.

- I took to Gemma's flatmate, Kate, as soon as I met her.
- I couldn't pay for my coursebooks by card, so I _____ some cash at lunchtime.
- Peter _____ several days so that he could attend his sister's wedding.
- Luke _____ his father – he looks and sounds just like him at times.
- Amanda's decided to _____ some more teaching now the children are older.
- GDC Electronics has finally _____ its rival, Telectrical.
- The piano _____ a lot of space downstairs, but we all enjoy playing it.

Reading and Use of English Part 3

For questions 1–6, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

The benefits of having a hobby

Hobbies can add (0) excitement to everyday life. Sometimes the daily routine at work or school starts to drag, making you feel that everything is a bit (1) _____, and in these circumstances a hobby offers fun and escape from your regular (2) _____.

In fact, (3) _____ pastimes such as watching TV or listening to music, a hobby usually involves learning new skills. In (4) _____, if there is a social element to the hobby, you will have to interact with other people and so go on to form new (5) _____. It is also very positive to feel that you are making progress with your own (6) _____ development, and as well as giving you the chance to learn new skills, a hobby will be a way of building on the (7) _____ you already have. It's certainly the case that the more different activities you try as hobbies, the closer you'll get to being (8) _____ fulfilled and the better you'll get to know yourself.

EXCITE**POINT
COMMIT****LIKE
ADD****FRIEND
PERSON****STRONG
TRUE****Exam tip**

Think about what type of word is needed grammatically, e.g. an adjective, noun or verb.

Writing Part 2: email

You have received this email from your English-speaking friend Karen.

From: Karen
Subject: new hobby

Hi

I'm interested in taking up a new hobby, and I wondered if you could help. What hobbies are popular in your country? And could you tell me which hobby you would advise me to try, and why?

Thanks a lot,

Karen

Write your **email** (140–190 words).

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Where you live

Cities and towns

1.1 Which of these phrases describe the place where you live?

a port a market town a new town/city a seaside town a capital city
 an industrial town/city a rural area a historic town/city

1.2 Match each sentence with one of the cities in the photos.



- 1 In addition, its wide open spaces and the latest leisure facilities make it an ideal location for a family day out. B
- 2 But now that cars have been banned from the narrow stone streets, a walk through the picturesque centre is even more pleasant.
- 3 The city is in the heart of one of the country's fastest growing regions and is only about 50 years old.
- 4 You'll certainly want to stop for a while in the beautiful old market square which is completely unspoiled.
- 5 During that time it has grown into a modern city with up-to-date shopping centres and lively nightlife.
- 6 The city has always been famous for its ancient churches and impressive medieval buildings.

1.3 The sentences in 1.2 are from two tourist information brochures but they are mixed up. Put them in the correct order.

City A: Sentences 6 , ,

City B: Sentences , ,

1.4 Underline any words or expressions in 1.2 which you could use to describe your home town or city or the town nearest to where you live. Which words below could you also use about your town or city?

many attractions delightful parks huge temple cosmopolitan atmosphere ancient mosque
 famous art gallery interesting museum ruined castle quiet and peaceful full of life

2.1 **48** Listen to a woman talking about living in a city. Which of the cities in the photos does she live in now, A or B?

2.2 **48** Listen again and mark these statements T (true) or F (false).

- 1 She lives on the edge of the city. T
- 2 The part of the city where she lives is very crowded. _____
- 3 She lives within cycling distance of the shopping mall. _____
- 4 She takes the bus to the centre because it's hard to park there. _____
- 5 She moved because she wanted to live somewhere more peaceful. _____
- 6 The area where she used to live was well looked after. _____

2.3 Complete the sentences with words you heard in the recording. Then read the script to check your answers.

- 1 A housing estate is a large group of houses or flats and an i estate is where people work, often in a b district.
- 2 A r area is a part of a city or town where people live. People often live on the edge of a city which is sometimes called the o or s.
- 3 An office b is another name for a building with many offices.
- 4 Modern towns usually have a shopping m with a wide range of stores.
- 5 A car park on several levels is called a m-s car park.
- 6 Areas or buildings that are in bad condition have been n.
- 7 Bicycles and buses are sometimes separated from other traffic in a bus/cycle l.

3.1 Where do people do the things below (1–10)? Each answer is two words. Choose the second word from the box and write both words in the puzzle.

alley centre centre gallery ground hall park rank rink stadium

- 1 go swimming and do other fitness activities
- 2 visit the doctor
- 3 leave their vehicle
- 4 look at paintings
- 5 listen to music
- 6 hire a cab
- 7 watch matches
- 8 go skating
- 9 compete in an indoor ball game
- 10 buy a variety of things

3.2 Find one word going down the puzzle and match it with the remaining word from the box above. What do people do there?

Exam practice

Reading and Use of English Part 1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

New York City

New York City has (0) B into the second largest city in North America. It has long been a major business, cultural and shopping centre, (1) _____ millions of visitors each year. Most tourists stay in the (2) _____ of the city, Manhattan, where you can see the sights on foot or take a tour bus. In (3) _____, the main residential areas are on the (4) _____ of the city where, as in all large cities, some districts are quite in (5) _____ of repair.

During your visit you may want to take a boat trip to Ellis Island, where you can stop for a (6) _____ to read about the history of immigration. Many tourists also visit Queens, which has some interesting art galleries, and Brooklyn for cafés, shops and (7) _____ nightlife. Finally, you will certainly want to visit Central Park, a huge open (8) _____ which is ideal for relaxing on a hot summer day.

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| 0 | A become | B grown | C increased | D extended |
| 1 | A appealing | B advancing | C arriving | D attracting |
| 2 | A heart | B interior | C focus | D root |
| 3 | A response | B practice | C contrast | D reality |
| 4 | A suburbs | B surroundings | C borders | D outskirts |
| 5 | A demand | B wish | C need | D requirement |
| 6 | A period | B while | C duration | D piece |
| 7 | A vivid | B cheerful | C bright | D lively |
| 8 | A extension | B region | C space | D estate |

Writing Part 2: article

You see this notice on an international travel website.

Articles wanted

My local town or city

We're looking for articles about the town or city where you live.
Write us an article about the places of interest there, both old and new.
Say whether you think it is a good place to live, and explain why / why not.
The best articles will be posted on the website next month.

Write your **article** (140–190 words).