

Topics: Hobbies
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LEAD-IN

a. Look at the pictures. Match the hobbies in the box to the correct pictures. Be careful! There are three extra hobbies.

bungee jumping	chess	gymnastics
kayaking	model planes	skiing
mountain biking	mountain climbing	yoga

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2.



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b. Discuss the questions below.

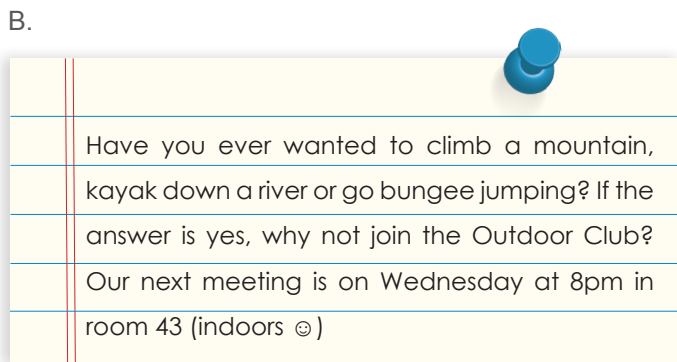
1. What are your hobbies?
2. How long have you been doing it / them?
3. Why do you enjoy doing it / them?

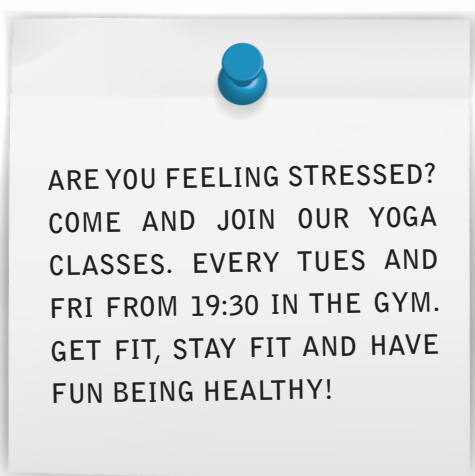
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READING: NOTICEBOARD MESSAGES

a. Read the messages from a university noticeboard. Match the pictures from the previous exercise to each one.

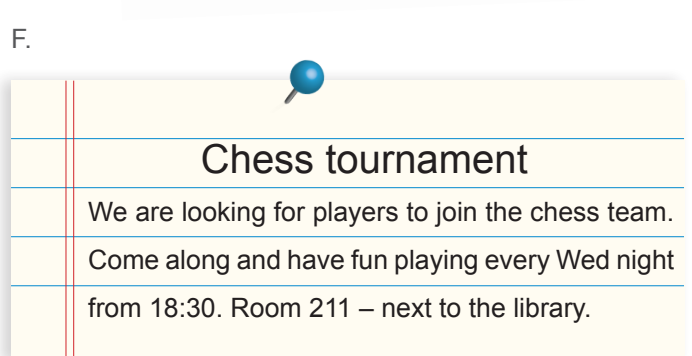
A. 

B. 

C. 

D. 

E. 

F. 

b. Read the texts again and answer the questions.

1. Who wants to sell something?
2. Which club can you join if you like adventure?
3. Who is looking for something?
4. Where do the chess team meet?

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WORKING WITH THE LANGUAGE

a. Match the abbreviations from the notices in the left-hand column to what they represent in the right-hand column.

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|--------|-----------------|
| 1. ONO | a. day |
| 2. pm | b. price / cost |
| 3. XL | c. size |
| 4. Wed | d. time |

b. Do you know the exact meaning of the abbreviations?

WORKING WITH THE VOCABULARY

Focus 1: Meaning

Find words and phrases from the messages on the noticeboard that match the definitions below. Be careful! One of the words is in a different form.

- an explanation of how to do or use something
- to become a member of an organisation, club or group
- healthy, strong and able to do physical exercise
- to take something that belongs to someone else
- communicate with someone by email or phone
- a series of games in which the winner of each game plays in the next game until there is only one player or team left

Focus 2: Topic-related words

Match the hobbies to the equipment used in the hobby.

chess	kayaking	model planes
mountain	biking	yoga

- dry bag, float bag and paddles
- digital game clock, board and pieces
- helmet, puncture repair kit and weatherproof jacket
- a mat and exercise ball
- kit, battery and radio control system

LISTENING

Listen to someone describing a hobby they do. Which of the messages from the noticeboard do you think they would be interested in and why?

SPEAKING

Discuss the questions below in groups.

- Look again at the messages on the noticeboard. Which of the messages would you reply to or be interested in? Why?
- If you could do any hobby in the world, what would it be and why would you like to do it?
- Do you know anybody who has an unusual hobby? What is it?

PROJECT

Do you have a hobby? What is it? Prepare a short presentation about it.