

Topics: Hobbies  
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LEAD-IN

a. Look at the pictures. What are the hobbies?

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3.



b. Discuss the questions below.

4.



1. What are your hobbies?
2. How long have you been doing it?
3. Why are you interested in it / them?
4. Which of the hobbies in the pictures do you think is the most:
  - dangerous?
  - expensive to do?
  - fun?

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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. **FOR SALE**  
Radio-controlled model plane (almost new). Includes remote, instructions and warranty. £120 ONO. Phone Tony on 090548211.

B. Ever wanted to climb a mountain, kayak down a river or go bungee jumping? If the answer is yes, why not join the Outdoor Club? Our next meeting is on Wednesday at 8pm in room 43 (indoors ☺)

C. **Wanted!** Stamps (new & used). I'm collecting stamps to raise money for a cancer charity. Call Josh on 0612155483 and help people in need.

D. **Fed up of playing the same computer games?** Visit The Games Warehouse. We have 1,000 new and used games and will buy or trade your old games. Open from 10am every day.

E. Feeling stressed? Come and join our yoga and pilates classes. Tues and Fri from 19:30 in the gym. Get fit, stay fit and have fun being healthy. It's a lifestyle thing ☺

F. **MISSING**  
(possibly stolen!)  
My bike went missing last week from outside the science block. Black and grey – Timber Cross 20-speed racing bike. If you have any information, call Darren on 0405668135.

G. **Real Ale Club**  
Next meeting 8pm on Thursday in the Student Union Bar (where else?). New members always welcome. Admission fee – one pint ☺

H. Study partners wanted. I'm a third year student with my finals coming up in three months time. Hate studying alone, so if you're in the same position and want someone to study with then contact Robyn or just leave your name and contact details below.

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I. **FOR SALE**  
Downhill skis & poles, skiing jacket, trousers, gloves and boots. Size XL, Boots 44. £180 ONO. Contact Adam on adam.steward@ggmail.com

J. **Chess tournament**  
Chess team looking for players to compete in the inter-college tournament next month. Interested in playing? Come along to our trials on Saturday 3rd at 15:00. Room 211 – next to the library.

b. Read the notices again and answer the questions.

1. Who is selling things?
2. Who is collecting things, but not for a hobby?
3. Which notice was placed there by a shop or store?
4. Who has lost something? What are they looking for?
5. Which clubs or teams are looking for people to join them?
6. Who is more interested in their college work than in a hobby?

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WORKING WITH THE LANGUAGE

Focus 1: Understanding meaning

Answer the questions below.

1. In texts A and I, what do the letters *ONO* stand for?
2. In text B, what does the word *Our* refer to in the sentence *Our next meeting ...?*
3. In text E, what does the word *It's* refer to in the sentence *It's a lifestyle thing?*
4. In text I, what do the letters *XL* mean?

Focus 2: Language use

We often don't need to use complete sentences in messages. Look at the examples in the box.

1. *Ever wanted to climb a mountain ... ?*
2. *Fed up of playing the same computer games?*

a. Match the missing words in the box to the two sentences in the box.

Are you ...    Have you ...

b. Complete the following extracts, taken from the messages on the noticeboard, with the words in the box. Be careful! The missing words don't always go at the start of the sentence.

The / is at    The / are    It's    I    Are you

1. Feeling stressed?
2. Black and grey ...
3. Next meeting 8 pm
4. Hate studying alone ...
5. Chess team looking for players ...

WORKING WITH THE VOCABULARY

Focus 1: Meaning

Find words and phrases in the messages from the noticeboard that match the definitions below.

1. a written promise from a company to repair or replace a product you buy from them if it breaks or doesn't work, usually for a specific period of time after you buy it
2. to become a member of an organization, club, etc.
3. to collect money for a particular purpose
4. to exchange something that you have for something else
5. the type of life that you have, including the type of activities you like doing
6. the process of accepting someone into a place, organization or club
7. the last set of examinations that students take before they finish at college or university
8. a sports competition during which people are tested and chosen for a later competition

Focus 2: Topic-related words

Match the hobbies to the equipment used in the hobby.

chess    kayaking    model planes  
mountain biking    yoga and pilates

1. dry bag, float bag, paddles and spray skirt
2. digital game clock, board and pieces
3. helmet, puncture repair kit, weatherproof jacket and water bottle
4. a mat, breathable clothing and exercise ball
5. kit, battery pack and charger, and radio control system

LISTENING

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

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**a. Discuss the questions below in groups.**

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

**b. Your teacher will give you some role cards.  
Work with a partner and act out the role-play.**

**PROJECT**

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

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1A

You have a model plane that you want to sell. You'd like £120 for all the items, but you are willing to accept a little bit less. You need to arrange when and where to meet the buyer and how they are going to pay you.



1B

You have seen the following advert on a noticeboard:

*For sale! Radio controlled model plane (almost new). Includes remote, instructions and warranty. £120 ONO. Phone Tony on 090548211.*

You are interested, but don't want to pay as much as £120. Try to negotiate the price down.



2A

You organise yoga and pilates classes in the gym. You always want to encourage people to come along. You have some questions you always ask; for example, has the person ever done Yoga or Pilates before? How fit are they? Will they come every week? Etc.



2B

You have seen the following advert on a noticeboard:

*Feeling stressed? Come and join our yoga and pilates classes. Tues and Fri from 19:30 in the gym. Get fit, stay fit and have fun being healthy. It's a lifestyle thing ☺*

You are interested, but you want to find out how much it costs and you'd like to know more about the classes.