

Time, money and things to do

1 Hobbies cost money!

a) Read about these teenagers and their hobbies.



Christina goes to karate training and enters competitions.



Vincent's hobby is street dancing with his friends.



Sara learned to swim at school and is now in her school team.



Toby has had saxophone lessons for four years.

Christina I go to two karate classes every week. They cost £9 a week, my mum pays for them. Then you need the right clothes and equipment to protect your knees and your head. I pay for that with the money my uncles and aunts give me for Christmas and birthdays. I enter national competitions now: I won five prizes in Birmingham last week. My mum drives me there, so that costs money, too. I'd like to go to the European competition in Holland next year, so I've started saving money for that.

Vincent My hobby is really cheap, in fact it doesn't cost anything at all – except hours and hours of practice. Oh, and there's the music, of course. You need a CD-player and music with a good beat. An MP3 player is no good. You need something really loud, but then you get in trouble with the neighbours! My mum gets worried, "You're always out on the street," she says. "There are gangs out there!" But I tell her that the gangs respect us. They don't bother us.

Sara I have been swimming since I was seven. I love it. I'm blind, so many other sports are difficult for me, but swimming is easy. I follow the sound of a bell to the end of the pool and back again. I'm a member of the school team and I swim in competitions against other schools. I'd love to join a club and swim in a club team, too, but that costs too much. You have to pay to join the club and pay for the competition entry every time. We're a big family and there's not much money.

Toby When I was younger I had piano lessons and I hated them. Then my dad said I could stop the piano if I learned another instrument. I like the sound of the saxophone, it's really cool – when it's played well, that is! My dad pays for the lessons and I borrowed a saxophone from my teacher for the first year. I delivered papers for a year and did lots of jobs around the house for Mum and Dad. I saved up to buy the saxophone I've got now, but I'm still saving – to buy a better one.

b) Are these sentences about the people true or false? Put a tick (✓) in the correct box.

1. Christina wins prizes that pay for her training.
2. Christina wants to go to Holland next year.
3. Vincent's neighbours don't like his loud music.
4. Vincent's mum is afraid of gangs.
5. Sara swims for her school and in a club.
6. Sara can't see.
7. Toby hated his saxophone lessons.
8. He is still saving money for a new saxophone.

true	false

2 Hobbies take time

Most of the people who write about their hobbies in 1a) don't mention school or homework.

a) Look at Rachel's planner. On Sundays she goes to church with her family and spends the whole day with relatives. She doesn't usually do anything else then! If she has time in the week, she listens to music, takes the family's dog Bruno for a walk, or plays games on her computer.



	School	After school	Home
Mon	English, Maths, IT, Spanish, Food technology		guitar lesson 8pm
Tues	PE, Science, Music, History, Art,	Drama Club	
Wed	English, Geography, RE, Maths, Spanish	Choir	
Thurs	Maths, History, Spanish, PE, Art		swimming 6pm
Fri	English, Maths, Science, IT, Music		guitar practice
Sat		swimming 5pm, guitar practice	

b) Does Rachel try to do too much? What do you think? Discuss this in class. Think of the other things you need to do and the time you need for them.

3 My hobby, my time

Write a short report about how you use your time and which things are important to you. Include information about your hobby (or hobbies), when you do it, what it costs and how you pay for it.

Lösung: 1b) 1. false, 2. true, 3. true, 4. true, 5. false, 6. true, 7. false, 8. true