

THEME 2 HOBBIES AND INTERESTS READING SKILL (YILDIRIM)

A. Read the following text and complete the table.

Do you know the hobbies of celebrities? Here are a few examples.

Tom Hanks : American actor and director, Tom Hanks is known all over the world as he has a great talent for comedic and dramatic roles. He has made lots of movies and received many awards for them such as the Oscar for the movie Forrest Gump (1994). He has a really different hobby. He is fond of collecting typewriters. He likes the sound and the feel of the keys.

David Beckham : Many people believe David Beckham is gifted in football. He is regarded as one of the most skillful and successful footballers ever. He could play really well at the age of 10. What is he into? He is a real fan of fencing. It is known that he usually gets together with famous actors Will Smith and Tom Cruise in Los Angeles in order to fence. They are all crazy about fencing. They think it is good fun.

Leslie Mann : Leslie Mann is a famous actress who has starred in many movies. She is so good at comedies that she got the Comedy Star of the Year Award in 2014. What is her favorite leisure activity? She is keen on cycling, but she prefers unicycles to bicycles. She learned how to ride a unicycle when she was a child. She is very skilled at it. She practises regularly and she believes riding a unicycle is beneficial because it improves balance and coordination.

Oprah Winfrey : When it comes to philanthropy, one celebrity comes to mind at once: Oprah Winfrey. She is an actress and a TV personality. She could become one of the best talk show hosts in the USA, and she set up her own cable television network in 2011. She is an altruistic person, so she has dedicated her time and energy to numerous charities for a long time. As a billionaire philanthropist, she has donated millions of dollars to different charitable organizations.

Celebrity

Hobby

B. Answer the questions below.

1. What is Tom Hanks keen on doing?
2. What is David Beckham fond of doing?
3. What does Leslie Mann prefer doing in her free time?
4. What is Oprah Winfrey interested in?

C. Scan the text and write the name of the correct celebrity to fill in each blank.

1. This celebrity is an altruistic person: _____
2. This celebrity is gifted in a type of sport according to many people: _____
3. This celebrity could become one of the best talk show hosts in the USA: _____
4. This celebrity is very good at comedic and dramatic roles: _____
5. This celebrity received the Comedy Star of the Year Award in 2014: _____
6. This celebrity practises his/ her hobby with his/ her friends: _____
7. This celebrity finds his/ her hobby beneficial: _____
8. This celebrity received many awards, including an Oscar: _____

D. Read the text and answer the question.

1. What is the discussion on this forum page about?

Join the discussion...

We all have some hobbies. They are activities and interests which we enjoy doing in our leisure time. Hobbies differ from person to person. Some people prefer common hobbies like playing board games, reading and cycling. But what about the uncommon ones? Do you have any unusual hobbies? If yes, share them with us. We wonder your answers.

Lisa : I'm keen on collecting original comic books. I think it's a great leisure activity. I took it up 15 years ago, when I was at primary school. I read my first comic book at the age of 10 and I loved it. Now I possess hundreds of comic books. I forget about all my problems when I read them. They're so entertaining. I prefer comic books about superheroes. I'm crazy about them. In my view, they're marvellous.

Richard : I've been interested in caving for 4 years. I'm currently a member of a local caving club. I think it's fascinating to explore caves. It gives you a sense of achievement. You get more confident. You discover a new world in caves. That's so exciting. But caving may be dangerous, so you should go with experienced cavers. Last year I had an accident. I hurt my right foot and I couldn't move it at all. Fortunately, I wasn't alone.

Nancy : My favorite leisure activity is carving eggshells. I started this extraordinary hobby 6 years ago, and then I couldn't stop it. Carving eggshells has finished stress in my life. It's so relaxing. And I think it has developed my personality. Now I'm more creative and positive. I'd rather create different designs all the time, so my eggshells are unique. In my opinion, they're excellent works of art. When I finish carving eggshells, they look wonderful. I feel proud of myself.

Frank : Rock balancing is a great hobby of mine. I took it up 2 years ago. It's so nice. You balance rocks on top of one another without using anything to keep them together. Of course, that's not easy. It looks impossible, but you can do it. At first, I couldn't balance even a few rocks, but then I achieved and I felt perfect. This hobby has also taught me to be more patient. When I try to balance rocks, I have a very good time. That's why I prefer it to all the other activities.

E. Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. When did Lisa start collecting original comic books?
2. Why does she like it?
3. How long has Richard had his hobby?
4. Why is he fond of caving?
5. When did Nancy begin carving eggshells?
6. Why does she enjoy it?
7. How long has Frank had his hobby?
8. Why is he keen on rock balancing?