

## THEME 2 HOBBIES AND SKILLS SPEAKING SKILL (SPICE UP)

1. Do you prefer outdoor or indoor hobbies? Why?
2. Do you think you can have more than one hobby? Why/Why not?
3. What are the benefits of having a hobby?
4. Work in pairs. Prepare a dialogue about your likes, dislikes and preferences.
5. Do you agree/disagree with the following statements?
  - a. No one is really happy without a hobby.
  - b. You can only master a skill if you have a natural talent for it.
  - c. People who share their hobbies with their loved ones are happier.

### **6. Complete the dialogue with the correct option. One is extra**

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| a) What could your mum and dad do?            | d) Where could you do the gardening?          |
| b) So, can you still carry on gardening work? | e) Could your brother help you with the work? |
| c) What things could you do in the garden?    |   |

**Jade :** My favourite pastime as a child was spending time in our garden with my family.

**Sam:** Lovely! \_\_\_\_\_

**Jade:** I could water the entire garden by myself. I could also dig holes and plant the seeds.

**Sam:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jade:** Although he was very young, he could water the fruit trees.

**Sam:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jade:** Mum couldn't do very tiring work because of her knees. She was able to reap each day's harvest, though. Dad could prepare a wonderful breakfast with the freshly picked herbs.

**Sam:** What a great story! \_\_\_\_\_

**Jade:** Since I've lived in the city for many years, I can't do these things anymore. However, I'm planning to start an urban gardening project with a few friends.

**Sam:** You can count me in!