Unit 8 · Hobbies and Interests

WORKSHEET

Full marks 33

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1 Words from the article [3]

Match each word in Column A with its meaning in Column B. Write the letter in the box. One meaning in Column B is not needed.

Column A		Column B
1. hone	☐	**a.** a kind of book, film or music
2. genre	☐	**b.** good for your health or your mind
3. refurbish	☐	**c.** a tall pointed top of a tower
4. therapeutic	☐	**d.** a large painting on a wall
5. mural	☐	**e.** to make a skill better by practice
6. niche	☐	**f.** to repair something so that it looks new
		g. a small, special area of interest

2 Words from the poem [3]

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Two words are not needed.

bough	dome	foam	glint	glittering	marvelous	pinnacle	turret

The monkey sat on a high _____ of the pipal tree. The golden roof of the temple caught the evening light with a bright _____. The Taj Mahal has a huge white _____. Reaching the summit of Everest is the _____ of a climber's life. The lake was _____ in the morning sun. The view from the hilltop was _____.

3 Reading I: Common Hobbies [4]

Read "Common Hobbies" on pages 119–122 of your English textbook. Then choose the correct answer.

i. According to the article, the most common hobby in England is … [1]

a. fishing. **b.** hiking.
c. knitting. **d.** dancing.

ii. According to the article, dancing improves … [1]

a. your memory and eyesight. **b.** your flexibility and mobility.
c. your writing skills. **d.** your knowledge of history.

iii. To take good photographs, the article says you mainly need … [1]

a. the most expensive camera.
b. to be a professional.
c. a good eye and the basics of lighting, depth and exposure.
d. a studio with special lights.

iv. The writer says knitting improves coordination because … [1]

a. you must count the stitches aloud.

b. your hands and eyes have to work together.

c. you knit with friends.

d. it is done in winter.

4 Reading II: Climbing [4]

Read the poem "Climbing" on page 128 of your textbook. Then answer the following questions.

a. What does each branch of the apple tree seem like to the speaker? [1]

b. What does the speaker see shining far away? [1]

c. How is this climb different from the speaker's earlier climbs? [1]

d. What does the change from "the earth below" to "the earth far below" in the last stanza show? [1]

5 Reading III: a story [3]

Read the story below. Then fill in the blanks with the correct words from it.

The Kite Doctor of Bhaktapur

Every year, a month before Dashain, the roofs of Bhaktapur fill with kites, and thirteen-year-old Suyog becomes the busiest boy in his tole.

Suyog does not only fly kites; he mends them. His grandfather, who flew kites from the same roof sixty years ago, taught him to fix a torn kite with rice paste and thin paper, and to straighten a bent bamboo stick over a candle flame. Now children bring him their broken kites in the evenings, and he charges them nothing but a story.

His proudest work hangs on his bedroom wall: a large red kite that his grandfather made for him when he was six. It has been torn and mended eleven times.

"A new kite costs only fifty rupees," his friends tell him. "Why waste your time?" Suyog only smiles. "A kite that has been mended," he says, "flies better, because it has learned from its falls."

a. Suyog mends torn kites with rice paste and thin ……. [1]

b. He straightens a bent bamboo stick over a ……. [1]

c. The red kite on his wall has been torn and mended ……. times. [1]

6 Reading III: short answers [2]

Answer the following questions about the same story.

a. Who taught Suyog to mend kites? [1]

b. What does Suyog mean when he says a mended kite “has learned from its falls”? [1]

7 Grammar: the passive voice [4]

Change the following sentences into the passive voice.

a. The gardener waters the plants every morning. [1]

b. People speak Nepali in many parts of India. [1]

c. Sunita doesn’t like people laughing at her. [1]

d. People say that the old palace is haunted. (Begin: The old palace …) [1]

8 Grammar: passive into active [2]

Change the following sentences into the active voice.

a. Many accidents are caused by careless drivers. [1]

b. I hate being kept waiting. [1]

9 Writing: an essay [6]

Write an essay on the following topic.

Write an essay of about 150 words on “My Favorite Hobby”. Say how you started it, what you do, what it has taught you, and how it might help you in the future.

10 Think [2]

Answer the following question in your own words.

The speaker of “Climbing” always had to stop before, but today is sure of reaching the top. What can a student learn from this? Give two points.