



AN ESSAY

*Hobbies and leisure*

1

Complete the opinions below using words from the box. Which opinions do you agree with?

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1.

..... opinion, young people don't get enough free time these days. They're under too much pressure at school.

2.

I ..... that having hobbies you enjoy helps you to work hard and do well in exams.

3.

It ..... to me that there are lots of opportunities to do exciting hobbies such as rock climbing or skydiving, but you always need money to join in!

4.

In my ..... most teenagers spend too much time on their mobile phones. They should get out and spend more time making friends!

5.

As I ..... it, the internet has created loads of opportunities to explore new hobbies and interests, such as film-making and photography.

6.

I would ..... that schools should do more to encourage young people to have a range of interests in their free time.

7.

Most people ..... agree that it isn't healthy to spend all your time working or studying.

8.

....., I think it's really important to be active and do sport in your free time.

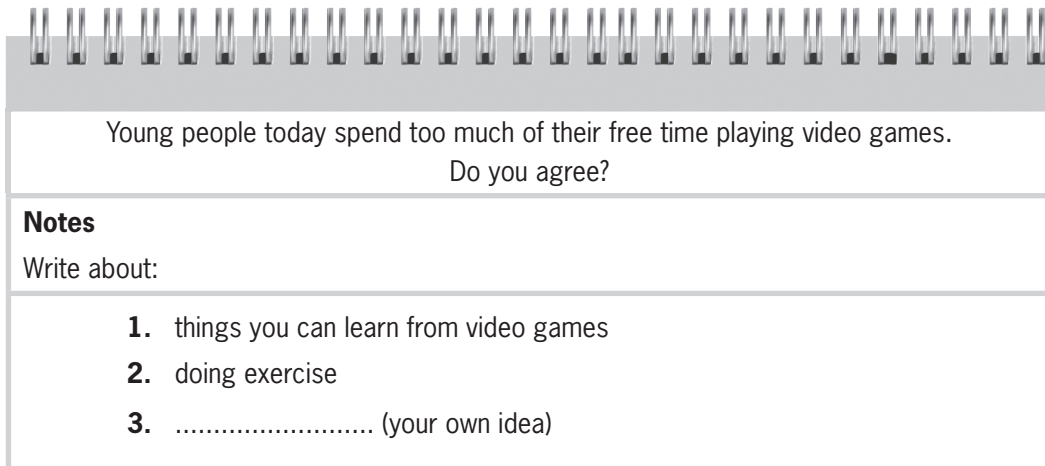


 **Exam task**

2

In your English class you have been talking about hobbies and free time. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

**Write your essay using all the notes and giving reasons for your points of view. Write your essay in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.**



Young people today spend too much of their free time playing video games.  
Do you agree?

**Notes**  
Write about:

1. things you can learn from video games
2. doing exercise
3. .... (your own idea)

3

**Complete the paragraphs about people's hobbies with the correct words and phrases.**

I started playing the guitar a year ago, and I would recommend it as a hobby to anyone who likes music. Taking up an instrument doesn't need to be expensive. **(1)** *Therefore / For instance*, you can buy a second-hand guitar very cheaply online. **(2)** *As for / Therefore* lessons, you don't need to pay a teacher because there are lots of videos online that you can use to teach yourself to play. Playing music is really relaxing. **(3)** *Moreover / For example*, there are lots of opportunities to join a band and start performing. **(4)** *To sum up / In this way*, you can improve your skills and make friends. Why not have a go?

I have always been interested in food. **(5)** *For instance / For this reason*, I was delighted when my local college started offering cookery lessons. The classes weren't expensive, and I **(6)** *therefore / in this way* decided to sign up. I loved it from the start, and I've learned to make some great dishes. Cooking is a really creative hobby. **(7)** *As a result / Furthermore*, it's something you can share with your friends, because everyone enjoys eating good food! It isn't expensive, either. **(8)** *As a result / To sum up*, cooking is an affordable, fun and sociable thing to do in your free time – you should definitely try it!

 **Exam facts**

- In this part, you are given a question or statement and some notes.
- You have to write an essay of between 140 and 190 words that gives your opinion about the question or statement.
- You have to include the points given in the notes and an idea of your own.

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