

TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF

1 Work in pairs. Which sentences are true for both of you?

- 1 I love going to the cinema with my friends.
- 2 I don't really enjoy doing sport.
- 3 I'm really into dance.
- 4 I'm not keen on cooking.
- 5 I like shopping for new clothes.

2 Read what Ethan says about himself. Which question below is he answering?



I love playing computer games with my friends. I usually go to my friend Sam's house at the weekend and we play games together. I got a new game last weekend called *Total Danger* and it's really cool! I'm also into films, but I'm not keen on going to the cinema because it's quite expensive. I prefer watching films at home, with my friends. I think it's more fun, because you can have some food while you're watching. I don't do much sport, but I go running and I like playing basketball. I also enjoy watching sport on TV. For example, when the football World Cup is on, I watch all the games!

- 1 Which sports do you like best?
- 2 What do you like doing in your free time?
- 3 What's your favourite computer game?

3 Read what Ethan says again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where does Ethan usually play computer games at the weekend?
- 2 Why does Ethan prefer watching films at home?
- 3 Which sport does Ethan love watching on TV?

KEY LANGUAGE FOR TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF

Talking about habits and routines:

I usually ..., I often ..., I sometimes ...

Talking about likes and dislikes:

I like ..., I love ..., I enjoy ..., I prefer ..., I'm (really) into ..., I don't like ..., I'm (not) keen on ..., I hate ...

The past simple to talk about past events:

Yesterday I ..., Last weekend I ...

Giving your opinions:

I think ..., I don't think ...

Adding extra ideas:

and, but, also

Adding reasons:

*I like cooking **because** it's fun.*

Adding examples:

*I often meet my friends in town. **For example**, we sometimes go to the cinema together.*

4 Complete the sentences with the correct words. Read what Ethan says again and check.

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- 1 I playing computer games.
- 2 I go to my friend Sam's house.
- 3 I got a new game weekend.
- 4 I'm into films.
- 5 I'm not on going to the cinema
..... it's quite expensive.
- 6 I it's more fun.
- 7 For, when the football World Cup is on, I watch all the games!

5 Choose the correct words to complete Amy's likes and dislikes.



- 1 I like comedy films, but I'm not *like* / *keen on* science fiction.
- 2 I don't enjoy to *go* / *going* shopping, but I like *buy* / *buying* things online.
- 3 I prefer pizza *for* / *to* burgers.
- 4 I'm really *in* / *into* comic books – I love all the characters!

5 I love tennis, but I prefer *go / going* to the gym when the weather's bad.

6 My brother likes computer games but I *enjoy / hate* them!

6 When you talk about yourself, you often talk about the present and the past. Find one past simple verb and one past time expression in what Ethan says in Exercise 2.

7 Complete Ellie's sentences about herself with the correct present simple or past simple form of the verbs.



- 1 I'm a very active person and I (like) being outside.
- 2 I think riding is a great sport for me because I (love) animals.
- 3 I (have) my first riding lesson last weekend.
- 4 It was great to meet my horse Tibby for the first time. I also (enjoy) cleaning him after my ride.
- 5 I'm also into fashion. I (go) shopping for clothes most weekends.
- 6 Last Saturday I (find) some amazing new boots!

8 We often add extra information when we talk about ourselves. Read the dialogues. What extra information could each person add to their answer?



Sophie: Is music important to you?
Jo: Yes, it is. I usually listen to music when I'm at home or on the bus.



Jason: Do you like cooking?
Fabio: No, I'm not keen on cooking because I don't know how to make anything tasty!



Lucy: How much exercise do you do?

Ben: I play football every week because that's my favourite sport. I sometimes go to the gym.



Josh: What's your favourite subject at school?

Milly: I really like history because I enjoy learning about how people lived in the past.

9 Match one piece of extra information to each answer in Exercise 8. Are any of the ideas the same as yours?

- A But I love eating nice meals with my friends. Last weekend I went for a pizza with some friends and that was really cool.
- B I also play the guitar, but I'm not very good. I think it's a very difficult instrument.
- C But I hate maths because I think it's really difficult and I never do well in tests!
- D I also like trying new sports. For example, last week I played badminton with my cousin. That was fun!

10 Choose the correct words to complete the extra information in the sentences.

- 1 When I go on holiday, I like lying on the beach *and / also* swimming in the sea.
- 2 In the summer, I enjoy having a barbecue with some friends, *for example / but* you can't do this in the winter.
- 3 I don't usually buy clothes in department stores *because / and* the clothes are always very expensive.
- 4 I sometimes go ice skating with my friends at the weekend. I *and / also* like going bowling.
- 5 I think going on trips with friends is fun. *Because / For example*, there's a water park near my town and I sometimes go there with my friends.

11 In pairs, ask and answer the questions. When you answer, give your opinions and add extra information.

- 1 What do you like doing in the summer holidays?
- 2 What are your hobbies?
- 3 Is fashion important to you?
- 4 Do you prefer playing sport or watching it on TV? Why?
- 5 Do you like visiting museums? Why?
- 6 What are your favourite places to go to with friends?

Active listening

Listen while your partner answers. Tick words and phrases from the *Key Language* box that you hear.