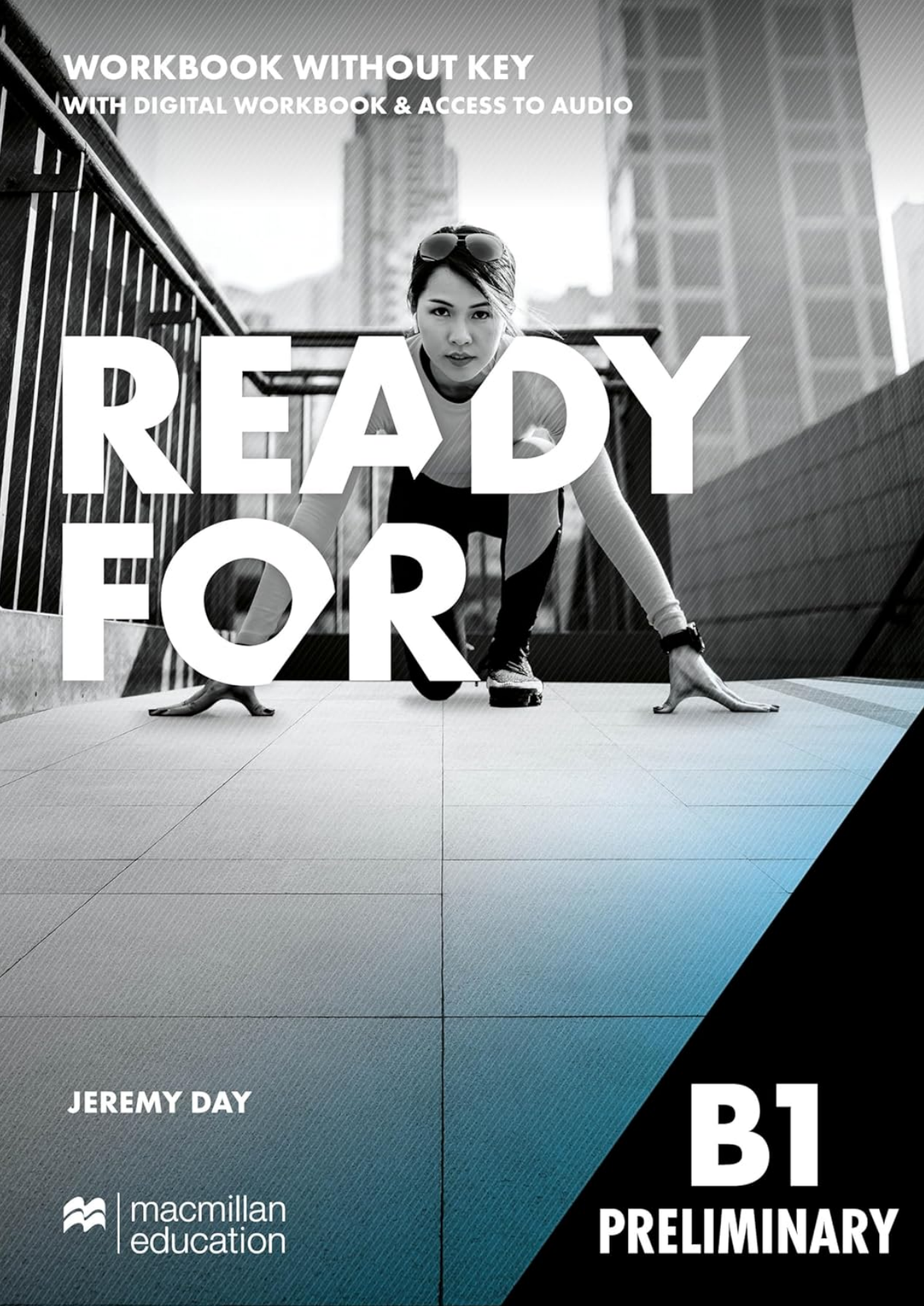


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Reading Part 1 Multiple choice

Read texts 1–5 and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

Don't forget!

- There are five short texts with a three-option question for each text.
- For each question, think about why the 'wrong' options are incorrect.
- The correct option will often use different words than the text but with the same meaning.

1

INVITATION TO AFTERPARTY

We would like to invite you to a party to celebrate the Gala Awards.

Start time: Immediately after the main awards ceremony

Dress code: Smart casual

Light snacks and refreshments available

At the afterparty, you can

- A wear whatever you want.
- B eat and drink.
- C win an award.

2

SHOP ASSISTANT NEEDED

Mainly weekends and evenings

Flexible hours

*Previous experience preferred
(but not required)*

Speak to the manager to apply.

- A It's better if you've done similar work before.
- B Send your CV by email.
- C You have to work the same times every week

3

Hey Alison. I hope you don't mind, but I'm borrowing your umbrella. It's raining and I don't have a coat! Tanya says you won't mind. I can bring it back next weekend – or text me if you need it sooner.

Jenny

Jenny is writing to

- A apologise for taking something.
- B arrange a time to return the item.
- C explain why she made a decision.

4

FASHION SHOWS RAISE £1 500 FOR LOCAL CHARITY

This week, young designers from the Technical College are hosting fashion shows to collect money for sick children who need help. The event is already a huge success having taken £300 from entry tickets and £1,200 in sales so far.

- A All the money is going to the charity.
- B The clothes aren't for sale.
- C It is free to attend the show.

5

Multi-use gift card £50

Use this card as many times as you like whenever you spend £10 or more in our stores.

No change given. No refunds.

Use by Dec 31st.

- A You can get your money back later.
- B You can't use the card after the end of the year.
- C You can use the card to buy items for less than £10.

Vocabulary Clothing

1 Complete the accessories with the missing letters. Some of the letters in each word are provided in bold. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 My trousers are too loose. I need a new **b** e l t to hold them up.
- 1 'What's the time?' 'Sorry - I don't have a **w** _____.'
- 2 I love matching jewellery! The diamonds on the **n** _____ around my neck match those on the **e** _____ **s** in my ears, the **b** _____ around my wrist, and even the **r** _____ on my finger.
- 3 I keep my phone, purse and keys in my **h** _____, plus some make-up.
- 4 When it's cold, I wear a **s** _____ around my neck and **g** _____ **s** on my hands.
- 5 It's an informal meeting, so there's no need to wear a **t** _____.
- 6 When it's sunny, I wear a **c** _____ on my head and **s** _____ **s** to protect my eyes.



2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There is an example at the beginning (0).

dress up fit match put on take off try on wear wear out

- 0 Your shoes are wearing out. There are holes in the bottom!
- 1 Your socks don't _____! One is red and the other is blue!
- 2 I always _____ before I go to an expensive restaurant. I love wearing stylish clothes.
- 3 Why are you _____ that thick jumper? It's really hot today!
- 4 Don't forget to _____ your muddy shoes before you enter the house.
- 5 Sandy's in the changing room now. She's _____ a new skirt to see if it's the right size.
- 6 That T-shirt is too small. It doesn't _____ you anymore.
- 7 I'm almost ready to leave the house. I'm _____ my shoes right now.

Prepositions of time

1 Complete the sentences with *in*, *on* or *at*. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 We always go on holiday in July or August.
- 1 The performance starts _____ 7 pm _____ Monday. Don't be late!
- 2 I'm busy _____ the morning, but we can meet _____ lunchtime if you like.
- 3 Instead of worrying about what happened _____ the past, think about what's going to happen _____ the future!
- 4 If you go out _____ midday _____ summer, make sure you wear sunscreen!
- 5 The wedding's _____ three weeks' time, _____ 25th January.
- 6 _____ weekdays, the alarm on my phone goes off _____ six o'clock _____ the morning.
- 7 The shops are always busy _____ the weekend and _____ the holiday season, when most people are free.
- 8 My exam is _____ the evening! And it's _____ my birthday!

2 Complete the blog post with the phrases from the box.

at a time at first at once at the end at the moment at the thought of

HOME BLOG ARCHIVE ABOUT



MAKING JEWELLERY



I love making necklaces and earrings.

- (1) _____, I just made things for myself, but now I sell my designs all over the world. I didn't become successful
- (2) _____. In fact, it took years and years to learn my skills and build my business. Making jewellery takes a lot of time and hard work, but I love the feeling
- (3) _____, when I know I've made something amazing. I usually make several pieces (4) _____ – like a necklace and some matching earrings – so I can make sure they look fantastic together. But
- (5) _____, I'm just making one thing: a ring for a Hollywood actor's wedding! I always feel a little nervous
- (6) _____ making something so expensive – one tiny mistake could spoil it!

Language focus Present simple and present continuous

- 1 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the telephone conversation. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Jake: Hey, Ben. What's up?

Ben: Hi, Jake. I (0) *need* / 'm *needing* your help. I'm at Carla's house for her Halloween party.

Jake: Nice! She (1) *never invites* / 's *never inviting* me to her parties! (2) *Do you enjoy* / *Are you enjoying* it?

Ben: No! I'm not inside the house. I (3) *hide* / 'm *hiding* in her front garden.

Jake: Really? Why (4) *do you do* / *are you doing* that?

Ben: Because I (5) *wear* / 'm *wearing* a monster costume! I thought it was a fancy dress party!

Jake: Oh no! What (6) *does everyone else wear* / 's *everyone else wearing*?

Ben: Most people (7) *wear* / *are wearing* very formal clothes. Can you drive here and bring my suit? I (8) *keep* / 'm *keeping* it in my wardrobe.

Jake: Sure. No problem. Give me ten minutes. Don't scare any of the neighbours!



- 2 Complete the sentences and questions using the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 I *wear* (wear) a cap whenever it's sunny.

1 You can't wear your jeans today. They *dry* (dry) outside at the moment.

2 That's a nice blouse. *it / be* (it / be) new?

3 Lucy *not wear* (not wear) glasses. She has perfect eyesight.

4 *you / buy* (you / buy) a lot of clothes every month?

5 I *not have* (not have) enough clothes! I need to buy more!

6 Why *you / wear* (you / wear) that hat? Are you cold?

7 You don't need a raincoat today. It *not rain* (not rain).

8 How much *this jacket / cost* (this jacket / cost)? I hope it's not too expensive.

Adverbs of frequency

- 1 Use an X to mark the best position in the sentences for the words and phrases in brackets. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 These shoes ^X cost £40, but today they're only £20. (*usually*)

1 This shop is closed. (*often*)

2 Charles asks me for money. (*all the time*)

3 Deborah pays by credit card. (*always*)

4 Robert wears a tie. (*hardly ever*)

5 We go to the shopping centre. (*every day*)

6 There are enough sales assistants in that shop. (*never*)

- 2 Match the phrases with similar meanings. There is an example at the beginning (0).

always every six months hardly ever once a month
once in a while twice an hour

0 all the time *always* 3 every 30 minutes

1 almost never 4 not often

2 every month 5 twice a year

Reading Part 5 Multiple-choice cloze

Read the text. For questions 1–6, choose which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Don't forget!

- › Read the whole text first.
- › When you're choosing the options, pay attention to the words before and after the gap.
- › Read the whole text again at the end to check your answers.

HOW DO COLOURS AFFECT YOUR MOOD?

Next time you're getting dressed, (1) a minute to think about how your choice of colours can affect how you feel – and how others feel about you!

Green, for example, is great for creativity. If you need new ideas, try (2) on something green. Research suggests it also has a calming effect – it makes your positive emotions stronger and your negative ones (3)

Red, on the other hand, seems to have the (4) effect. It isn't all bad, though. As red (5) us think of danger, it can give us energy. Red clothes can even make us look more attractive to others.

Bright blue wakes us up when we're sleepy. It may even help with depression. A blue T-shirt can't (6) all your problems, but it might lift your mood.

- | | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 A spend | B wait | C hold | D take |
| 2 A getting | B putting | C dressing | D wearing |
| 3 A narrower | B deeper | C weaker | D softer |
| 4 A opposite | B various | C similar | D different |
| 5 A makes | B suggests | C connects | D reminds |
| 6 A increase | B relax | C repair | D solve |

Listening Part 1 Multiple choice

1 You will hear people talking in seven different situations. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 Why does the man need the shoes?



A



B



C

- 2 What time does the woman decide to leave home?



A



B



C

Don't forget!

- › In the exam, you hear seven short recordings. Choose the picture that matches what you hear.
- › You will hear something connected with all three pictures, but only one is correct.

3 What does the man want to borrow?



A



B



C

4 Which earrings does the woman buy?



A

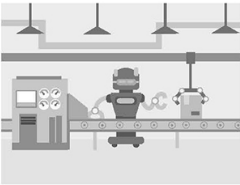


B



C

5 Where does the designer get his original ideas?



A



B



C

6 Which cat is the man looking for?



A



B



C

7 How much does the handbag cost?



A



B



C



Writing Part 1 Email

1 Read the following Writing Part 1 task. What four points do you have to include in your email?

Read this email from your English-speaking friend James and the notes you have made.

Yes, very busy!

I prefer ...

Suggest ...

No, because ...

From: James
 Subject: Suzie's birthday
 Hi,
 How are you? Not too busy, I hope!
 I've just realised it's Suzie's birthday next week. Shall we buy something together, or do you want to buy your own present for her?
 To be honest, I have no idea what to buy her. Any thoughts?
 Anyway, we must meet up some time! How about this week?
 All the best,
 James

Don't forget!

- › Read the email and the notes carefully.
- › Include all the notes from the task. It's a good idea to write one short paragraph for each note.
- › Don't copy words and phrases directly from the email – use your own words.
- › Write about 100 words.

Write your email to James using **all the notes**. Write your answer in about **100 words**.

2 Read the following model answer. Does Tania respond to all the notes?

Hi James,
 Great to hear from you! I'm actually pretty busy right now – too much work! But I can't complain. You know I love my new job. What about you?
 Thanks for reminding me about Suzie's birthday. I love your idea of buying a present together. Let's do that.
 What about buying a matching scarf and hat? Winter is coming, so that'll be useful, I think. What do you think? I can buy them tomorrow if you like.
 I've got a cold at the moment, so can we meet up another time? What are your plans for next week?
 All the best,
 Tania

- 3 Tanya uses her own words to address the notes and gives more information. Write what she says for each note.

Yes, very busy!: I'm actually pretty busy right now – too much work!

I prefer: _____

Suggest: _____

No, because ...: _____

- 4 Complete the Useful language box with the underlined phrases from the model answer.

Useful language

Showing interest by asking questions

1 What about you?

2 _____

3 _____

Being positive

4 _____

5 _____

Offering to help

6 _____

- 5 Match the sentence beginnings (1–10) to the endings (a–j) to make sentences that are useful for writing emails.

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Thanks | a we buy her a necklace? |
| 2 See | b you soon. |
| 3 Great to | c best. |
| 4 Take | d email. |
| 5 Thanks for | e for writing. |
| 6 All the | f hear from you. |
| 7 Why don't | g reminding me. |
| 8 Let's | h for now. |
| 9 Thanks for your | i do that. |
| 10 Bye | j care. |

- 6 Write an answer to the Writing Part 1 task below.

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Laura and the notes you have made.

● ● ●
➤
☰

✉

From: Laura
Subject: Visit
Hi,

Guess what? – I'm coming to your country for a week in August!

It's a work trip, but I hope I'll have time to explore the country when I'm there. What would you recommend visiting? <

I'm not sure what clothes to pack – I don't want to be too hot ... or too cold. But I also don't want to pack too much. Any thoughts? <

It would be great to see you when I'm there. Will you be around between the 8th and the 15th? <

Take care!
Laura

Excellent!

Recommend ...

Suggest ...

Only on ...

Write your email to Laura using all the notes. Write your answer in about 100 words.

Reading Part 2 Matching

Don't forget!

- › In this part of the exam, you match five people with eight texts. There are three texts that don't match any of the people.
- › There may be several texts that match *some* information about each person, but only one text mentions *all* the information.
- › Don't rush to make a decision because something feels 'half-right'. Read carefully to make sure.

The people below all want to join a club. On the opposite page, there are descriptions of eight clubs. For each person (1–5), decide which club (A–H) would be the most suitable.

1



Henry enjoys making things with his hands, but he doesn't like getting dirty. He wants to keep the objects he makes. He gets pleasure from making high-quality things.

2



Rosa is looking for an activity that she can enjoy with her teenage children, but not at weekends. They all enjoy walking and learning new things.

3



Dan wants to help his local area by doing useful work in his free time. He enjoys spending time outside and making friends with people who share his interests.

4



Samantha wants to spend time relaxing and making friends with others. She lived in France for a long time, and now she feels sad because she can't speak the language as well as she could.

5



Micah is good at making beautiful pots and other things with his hands. He wants to turn his hobby into a business. Unfortunately, nobody wants to buy the things he makes.

CLUBS FOR ALL!

A INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The perfect club for people who love languages but want more opportunity to practise and improve their level. Club members have conversations together in Spanish, French and German in a relaxed atmosphere over coffee and snacks. Don't worry if you're not confident to speak – you're welcome to just sit and listen.

B POTTERY FOR BEGINNERS

Learn to make pots and other beautiful objects from clay. Suitable for complete beginners. It doesn't matter if your pots look like a five-year-old made them – it's all about having fun and learning new skills with friends. Just bring a change of clothing because you're going to get covered in muddy clay!

C CRAFT CLUB

Would you like to make money by selling objects that you've made yourself? Join our club to learn how the experts do it. We'll teach you a range of craft techniques that people of all ages can learn quickly. You'll also learn where and how to sell your work so you can earn a little extra cash from your hobby.

D LITTER PICKERS

Do you hate seeing rubbish all over our beautiful town? Join us every Wednesday evening to pick up rubbish from local parks, woods and streets. It's a great way to meet new people, from kids to grandparents, and it's fantastic exercise, too. Best of all, you'll make a huge difference to our community.

E WILDLIFE CLUB

We're a group of middle-aged wildlife lovers and we enjoy learning about plants and animals. Once a month, we go into the forest to study the natural world around us. Regular guest speakers give talks about local and exotic wildlife. And we take action to protect local ecosystems from damage.

F BALL GAMES FOR EVERYONE

Do you like football, basketball and other ball games, but have nobody to play with? Do you want to learn to play some new games? Join us every Saturday morning for two hours of ball-game fun. All ages welcome.

G WOODWORK CLUB

Come and learn how to make beautiful, useful objects from wood. You'll learn techniques such as cutting pieces safely and accurately and joining them securely to make furniture that lasts a lifetime. Due to the dangerous machines we use, the club is for over 18s only.

H TOWN HUNTING

Work in teams to explore different parts of the town, solve puzzles and spot clues. It's not a race and there are no prizes – it's all about getting out, having fun with each other and learning a little about local history and culture at the same time.



Vocabulary -ed and -ing adjectives

1 Match the beginnings (1–7) to the endings (a–g) to make dialogues. Think about the words in **bold**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- | | |
|---|--|
| 0 Were you sad when you lost the match? | a Oh no! How frustrating ! |
| 1 Do you understand these instructions? | b Yes. I wasn't surprised – he loves it! |
| 2 Are you nervous about tomorrow's exam? | c I know. It's so satisfying , isn't it? |
| 3 I said, 'Hi, Lisa', and she said, 'It's Lia.' | d Do you? I find it really frightening . |
| 4 My laptop just crashed, and I lost my essay. | e Not at all. I'm quite relaxed about it. |
| 5 Did you know Tom is top of his class? | f No, I don't. They're really confusing ! |
| 6 I love standing on the top of tall buildings. | g Oh dear! Were you embarrassed ? |
| 7 It feels great to meet a project deadline. | h Yes. We were all very disappointed . |

2 Complete the text with the adjective form of the verbs in brackets. There is an example at the beginning (0).



FIVE BENEFITS OF HOBBIES

Hobbies seem like a bit of fun, but they have many (0) surprising (*surprise*) benefits for your physical and mental health.

First, modern life can be very stressful, so it's important to do (1) _____ (*relax*) activities regularly, to help you to stay calm.

Second, hobbies improve our concentration. This may help our brains to manage all the (2) _____ (*confuse*) information we see, hear and read every day.

Third, you may be (3) _____ (*surprise*) to learn that hobbies are good for your physical health if they get you off the sofa and out of the house!

Fourth, many of us are (4) _____ (*embarrass*) to speak with strangers, and the idea of trying to make new friends can feel almost (5) _____ (*frighten*). But when you share a hobby with someone, you'll always have something to talk about.

Finally, learning a new skill can be very (6) _____ (*satisfy*). Of course, you might feel (7) _____ (*frustrate*) at first, but it feels great when you make real progress.

So, take up a new hobby today! You won't be (8) _____ (*disappoint*)!

Leisure activities

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

attend do eat out go (x3) play read see spend take use

- I check my phone to _____ the news, but I don't _____ social media very much.
- I usually _____ time with my friends after work. We _____ at restaurants or _____ films at the cinema.
- I'm a big fan of live music. I try to _____ at least one concert each month.
- I don't _____ much exercise. I prefer to _____ video games at home.
- I _____ shopping all the time. Even if I don't buy anything, I find it relaxing.
- I love being outdoors. I _____ for a walk in the park every day, and at weekends I _____ hiking in the mountains and _____ photographs of the views.

2 Complete the sentences with one word. The first letter of the missing word is given in **bold**.

- I can't live **w** _____ music. I love it.
- I'm not really i _____ poetry. I don't really like it.
- I really **e** _____ making model railways. I love it.
- I like walking a l _____. It's my favourite hobby.
- I don't like social media at **a** _____. In fact, I hate it.
- I'm a big **f** _____ of mystery books. I read them all the time.
- I can't **s** _____ cooking. I hate it!