

Ex. 2 Read the text. Circle the correct answers.

Hobbies

I can't imagine my life without my hobbies. I think it is really important to have a hobby because it makes you (1), you get to know something new, and finally you are in peace with yourself and the whole world, which seems more and more important in our constantly changing world.

(2) my hobbies, I (3) reading books in the first place because it's a major source of information for me. I don't like fantasy, although it is so popular today I prefer serious books. My favourite writers are S. Maugham, A. Christie. I also like Russian writers – Dostoevsky and Tolstoy. I can't say that I have a lot of time for reading, but when I have some free time, I (4) it to reading. I always have my electronic book reader in my bag.

Woodcarving is my second hobby – it is the best way to create something interesting. It is even more fascinating (5) painting. When carving wood, you create a kind of relief picture – it is similar (6) sculpture. Wood is a very pleasant material to work with. Unfortunately, I don't have much time for carving and do it only in summer during my holidays.

And the last hobby I would like (7) you about is painting. I have never attended any art school, but I am so deeply interested in this activity that I have a (8) of friends who are artists. I believe that it's possible to learn a lot from them. Sometimes I go to the country far away from civilization and draw and paint landscapes. I use these sketches later when I paint in watercolours. Oil painting will be my next stage, and hopefully I (9) try it next year. My parents and friends say I'm making good progress. I even take part in different competitions and (10) a couple of prizes.

I will probably turn this hobby into my future profession and become a designer or an artist.

I treasure my hobbies, and I am glad to share them with everyone who is interested in these things.

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| 1. a) to relax | b) feel relax | c) relax | d) be relaxing |
| 2. a) just about | b) as for | c) what about | d) about |
| 3. a) would put | b) have put | c) am putting | d) had put |
| 4. a) spend | b) waste | c) devote | d) take |
| 5. a) then | b) than | c) as | d) than as |
| 6. a) with | b) to | c) to the | d) at |
| 7. a) to speak | b) to say | c) to tell | d) to talk |
| 8. a) few | b) couple | c) pair | d) little |
| 9. a) am going to | b) will be going to | c) will | d) will have tried |
| 10. a) have won already | b) have already won | c) already won | d) am already already won |