

## THEME 2 HOBBIES AND SKILLS VOCABULARY EXERCISES

### A. Read the sentences and choose the closest meaning for the words in bold.

1. When I couldn't succeed in wingsuiting, I got really *disappointed*.  
a. miserable b. cheerful
2. Since ice climbing is *perilous*, be sure to be very careful.  
a. It is dangerous and risky. b. It is secure and safe.
3. Check your *safety harness* twice before the parachute jump.  
a. first-aid kit b. protective equipment
4. You must use a safety harness to *prevent* you from falling.  
a. to allow something to happen b. to keep from happening

### B. Match the idioms with the correct definitions.

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| 1. be on pins and needles     | a. someone who has a surprising ability or skill         |
| 2. dark horse                 | b. allow a secret to be known                            |
| 3. let the cat out of the bag | c. nervously waiting to find out what is going to happen |

### C. Choose the correct option

1. When the book you've been reading is dull, it is deadly *appealing* / *tedious*.
2. When you describe something as jazzy, you mean that it's *colourful* / *pale*.
3. When something is unique, it is *common and usual* / *the only one*.
4. When you describe something as glamorous, you mean that it is *impressive* / *ordinary*.
5. When someone is gifted, s/he has a *natural ability* / *no ability* to do something well.
6. When you say that someone is fortunate, you mean that s/he is *unlucky* / *lucky*.

### D. Read the statements and match them with the hobbies.

writing poems / scuba diving / photography / cooking / motor racing

1. I feel like a part of the undersea world. I enjoy watching the life there.
2. It is just catching a moment of life. I'm crazy about it.
3. It is a real thrill to go around the track at 250 km / h. It takes my breath away.
4. I use words to show my feelings. If I'm in the mood, I can create
5. It's not just mixing the ingredients. It's much more than that.

### E. Choose the closest meanings of the words in bold.

1. You've always been *the odd man out*. You will never be the same with the others.  
a. You've always been different from the others.  
b. You've always been the most wanted in the groups.
2. You have *a flair for* garden design. I can't take my eyes off your flowers.  
a. You don't know anything about garden design.  
b. You have a talent for garden design.
3. She has *a good command of* Spanish. I love the way she sings in Spanish.  
a. She can't speak a word of Spanish.  
b. She is able to speak Spanish well.
4. Jane always does her job *half-heartedly*. That's why she never succeeds.  
a. Jane always works uneagerly.  
b. Jane always works eagerly.
5. She is a cook. She always prefers eating out.  
a. She is always eager to cook.

b. She is unwilling to cook

**F. Match the words with their definitions**

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| ..... 1. feat    | a. cause someone to have a particular feeling    |
| ..... 2. curvy   | b. an exciting action done by someone skilled    |
| ..... 3. stunt   | c. admit something that is wrong or inconvenient |
| ..... 4. Arouse  | d. something difficult that needs a lot of skill |
| ..... 5. Confess | e. full of curves                                |
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| ..... 1. ride       | a. continue to have something              |
| ..... 2. visual     | b. a journey in a vehicle                  |
| ..... 3. quest      | c. part of something compared to the whole |
| ..... 4. retain     | d. relating to seeing                      |
| ..... 5. proportion | e. a long search for something             |
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| ..... 1. dub          | a. go below the surface of the sea   |
| ..... 2. Resistance   | b. impossible to damage in any way   |
| ..... 3. scoff        | c. give someone a particular name    |
| ..... 4. invulnerable | d. laugh about an idea that is silly |
| ..... 5. submerge     | e. when someone or something resists |

**G. Fill in the blanks using the words**

**DISAPPOINTED / DULL / FORTUNATE / GIFTED / GLAMOROUS / JAZZY /  
PERILOUS / UNIQUE**

1. Mary trained hard for the race all through the year but she couldn't succeed. She and her family were deeply \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It's a style of writing that is \_\_\_\_\_ to Harry. Although it is tough to understand easily, I can recognise and read it without any problems.
3. Yesterday as I was hiking in the woods, the road grew even steeper and more \_\_\_\_\_ I was quite terrified.
4. My sister designs \_\_\_\_\_ costumes. Teenagers prefer wearing her colourful, modern dresses to parties. I think she'll be worldwide known soon.
5. Brian plays the guitar and sings in his free time. His friends say he is exceptionally \_\_\_\_\_ in music and he should do it professionally.
6. Not everyone is as \_\_\_\_\_ as I am since I am making money through my hobby. I draw pictures, paint them and people pay me.
7. Life with no hobbies is deadly \_\_\_\_\_. I can't imagine myself leading a life without gardening. I should spend at least an hour in my small garden.
8. My nephew could draw \_\_\_\_\_ figures when he was only four. I don't know why he gave up drawing.

**H. Read the situations given below and fill in the blanks using the correct expression.**

**on pins and needles / let the cat out of the bag / dark horse / cross my mind**

1. Miranda started a new hobby but she didn't say anything to her friends thinking that they would laugh at her. Yesterday all of a sudden she confessed that she'd been bird watching for more than a year. She finally \_\_\_\_\_.
2. James is a gifted boy. He can model clay into animal shapes easily. He's waiting impatiently to hear whether he is chosen for the talent contest or not. He's \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Steve is my youngest nephew. I had no idea once he'd played football professionally. He is a real \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. I went to Rio de Janeiro to participate in 2016 triathlon. I trained hard and put my heart and soul in it. I was the winner in the end. The possibility of failure didn't \_\_\_\_\_ from the very beginning till the end.

**I. Fill in the blanks using the words**

**invulnerable / visual / quest / scoff / stunt / curvy / feat / reluctant**

1. What he performed last night was a great \_\_\_\_\_. We watched him holding our breaths. Only few people can do it.
2. Brian's nephew has a \_\_\_\_\_ memory. That's why he always studies by drawing diagrams. He says he can't understand anything if he doesn't see on paper.
3. I don't understand why my friends \_\_\_\_\_ at my paintings. I put my heart and soul into my drawings. I feel disappointed when they laugh.
4. Our basketball team seems \_\_\_\_\_ this season. All the players are motivated well. We're going to get the cup.
5. My dad likes driving a car on \_\_\_\_\_ roads. When he was young, his passion was to be a F1 pilot.
6. After racing professionally, he did some \_\_\_\_\_ driving for films which made him popular.
7. The team's \_\_\_\_\_ to win the championship finally came to an end. Nothing has stopped them.

**J. Fill in the blanks using the correct forms of the words in the box.**

**dub / disappoint / submerge / arouse / confess**

1. He'd \_\_\_\_\_ in an icy river for 20 minutes before he was taken to hospital.
2. Sue's friends \_\_\_\_\_ her genius because of her intelligence.
3. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ that when I first saw you dancing, I didn't think you were bright enough.
4. I'm really sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you but I'm not talented in drawing. You should look for someone else.
5. His skills \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of interest when they heard about them. He was offered a good job.

**K. Fill in the blanks with the given word groups.**

**good command / half-heartedly / the odd man out / flair for**

1. My friends thought I was \_\_\_\_\_ when I was in primary school. I was the only one who never missed a word in Scrabble.
2. My grandma has a \_\_\_\_\_ dancing. She was the dancing queen when she was at university.
3. Sandra Bullock has a \_\_\_\_\_ of German. She is so fluent in speaking.
4. I continued the project \_\_\_\_\_ since I felt exhausted.