

SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

Read the article from a school magazine about holidays.

What I did during the summer holidays

A Harry

I spent two weeks on a cruise ship with my family last year. We landed at lots of different places and were given a few hours to visit shops, markets and all the touristy places on foot. I wanted to buy presents for my friends back home, but I didn't have enough money! We always had to make sure we were back at the ship on time! But of course most of the time we were at sea. It was fun exploring the cruise ship, and there were some other teenagers I met on board. We had a good time together and it would be great if I could see them again one day.

B Maya

I did a tennis course for a week during the summer holidays. The teacher was really good and showed me how to stand in the right position when I hit the ball. I think I've really improved my technique. I'll never be an amazing player – if I wanted to be, I'd have to play a lot more often than I do! But I've already had better results when I've played matches for fun with my friends. I enjoyed doing the course, but I also like spending time relaxing during the holidays – without having to use up too much energy!

C Tim

My main interest is cooking, so during my last summer holidays, that's what I did nearly every day! My aunt's a very good cook, so she helped me choose recipes that I could manage. She also went shopping with me to buy all the ingredients for the dishes I wanted to prepare. We had a lot of fun going to local markets and choosing from all the lovely vegetables on display. A lot of the things we needed were also on sale at the supermarket. I even made a special meal for my friend's birthday.

D Louise

I went on a science course last summer with some friends. It wasn't at all like our science classes at school, because we had a lot more time to do experiments. They gave us a list of all the ones we could try every day, and we decided which ones we each wanted to do. We also learned about new inventions, and a bit about satellites. If I can, I'd like to be a scientist in the future. I'd like to work on cars which use electricity as fuel, and developing ways of charging all sorts of devices using the sun.

Which person...

1. says they aren't as good at something as they could be? _____
2. was glad to be able to choose the activities they preferred? _____
3. spent less money than he/she expected? _____
4. made new friends? _____
5. says they are better at something than they used to be? _____