HOBBIES

1. BUILD UP YOUR VOCABULARY

A. ADJECTIVES
Choose the right word(s) to complete the sentences. Use a dictionary if you get stuck.

1. People who can't hear are said to be:
   1. dumb
   2. mute
   3. deaf
   4. dead

2. When you don't know the answer to a question, you say:
   1. I'm scared I don't know.
   2. I'm frightened I don't know.
   3. I'm afraid I don't know.
   4. I'm terrorized I don't know.

3. The weather in Britain is said to be:
   1. raining
   2. rainy
   3. rained

4. My favorite hobby is playing chess because I find it:
   1. boring
   2. bored
   3. interested
   4. interesting

5. When you like something very much you say it's:
   1. old-fashioned
   2. cool
   3. boring
   4. expensive

6. If you take up embroidery you have to be:
   1. meticulous
   2. disorganized
   3. impatient
   4. mechanical-minded

7. Gardening is most pleasant when the weather is:
   1. windy
   2. foggy
   3. sunny
   4. cloudy

8. The best weather when you're flying a kite is when it's … :
   1. overcast
   2. windy
   3. snowing
   4. sunny
B. PLAYING GAMES AND INSTRUMENTS
Choose the right answer(s).
1. **Poker is a:**
   1. board game
   2. card game
   3. intellectual game
   4. game of chance

2. **Chess is a:**
   1. board game
   2. game of chance
   3. game for the brainy
   4. game of strategy

3. **Which of the following is not a board game?**
   1. Chess
   2. Draughts
   3. Scrabble
   4. Bridge

4. **Which of the following is not a wind instrument?**
   1. A trombone
   2. A flute
   3. A violin
   4. A trumpet

5. **Which of the following is not a string instrument?**
   1. A piano
   2. A harp
   3. A clarinet
   4. A guitar

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2. **BRUSH UP YOUR GRAMMAR**
Révisez les points de grammaire et/ou les notions-fonctions suivantes. Cliquez sur les liens.
   - Adverbes de fréquence
   - Structures causatives
   - Goûts et préférences

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3. **COMPREHENSION ORALE**

Ecoutez l'enregistrement et faites l'exercice qui suit.

*Tick the right answers. Careful there might be several acceptable answers for each item.*

1. The speaker's name is:
   1. Jennifer
   2. Emily
   3. Harriet
   4. Norma Jean

2. In this family there are:
   1. seven brothers and sisters
   2. seven members parents included
3. twin sisters
4. five children

3. **They all:**
   1. have their own specific hobby
   2. have the same hobby
   3. have a taste for cooking
   4. hate cooking

4. **The father's hobby is:**
   1. ping pong
   2. fishing
   3. playing cards
   4. cooking

5. **Emily's hobby is:**
   1. cooking
   2. fishing
   3. baseball
   4. video games

6. **The mother's hobby is:**
   1. watching *Desperate Housewives* on TV
   2. cooking elaborate food
   3. washing up the dishes
   4. playing gin rummy

7. **The speaker's hobby is:**
   1. doing the dishes
   2. cooking
   3. collecting pictures
   4. fishing

8. **Jennifer's hobby is:**
   1. deep sea fishing
   2. driving her father's Porsche
   3. cooking
   4. reading fishing stories

9. **Harry and William:**
   1. each have his own hobby
   2. are tennis table freaks
   3. sleep in the garage
   4. always watch the Olympics on TV

10. **The family lives:**
    1. on the East Coast
    2. on the West Coast
    3. in the Midwest
    4. near the Gulf of Mexico.
4. CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

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3. LISTENING COMPREHENSION

A/ SCRIPT
There are seven of us in my family, including my parents of course. What is surprising is that each of us has his/her own personal hobby. Well, almost. My dad is always trying to get us to play cards with him, and his favorite game is gin rummy. We sometimes indulge his whims and play with him although none of us really likes the game, so we try to make a deal with him and so generally get to stay up later …

My mother's hobby, believe it or not, is cooking. She's a bit like Bree in Desperate Housewives, if you see what I mean, and insists on preparing French cuisine, which keeps her in the kitchen for hours. I guess she needs a break from her broker's job and all the pressure that goes with it. The problem is we kids don't really care for all that fancy food and would rather just grab a cheeseburger or giant pizza and be done with food. The other downside to Mom's hobby is that she generally ends up recruiting the whole family to wash up the thousand dishes she needs to cook her three-star Michelin meals…

Emily, my elder sister, is a video game freak, and let me tell you, you wouldn't like to see what kind of games she likes best, unless you want to have nightmares. Harry and William, my twin brothers, are both crazy about table tennis, which is handy, for it's difficult to play that game by oneself. But when I watch them play, I can't keep track of who's who. They have squatted the family garage and train 24 hours a day on weekends like they were preparing for the next Olympics. So, Dad's Porsche and Mom's Maserati are left to rust in the Oregon snow in the driveway.

Jennifer, my younger sister, has the strangest hobby for a girl. She loves fishing, but not any kind of fishing, mind you. Deep sea fishing if you please. It's a good thing we live on
the Pacific Coast and can rent a boat when the season opens. I sometimes go with her mostly to help her haul those enormous fish onto the boat.

And what about me, little Norma Jean, you must be wondering? Well, I collect pictures and photographs. But not any pictures, only those of the British royal family. I must have over two hundred different pictures of Princess Diana. I swap doubles with other collectors like some boys swap pictures of baseball stars.

And what about your hobby?

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