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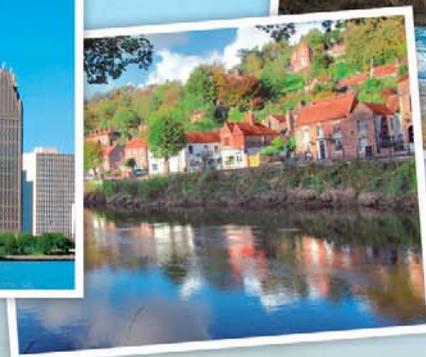
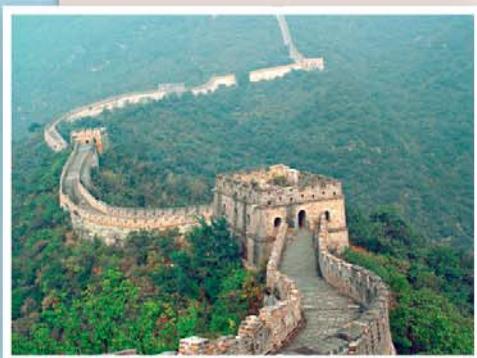
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# Welcome to SPOT ON 3



In this book you will learn interesting things and visit exciting places. Zack, Jessie, Charlotte and Ravi will show you some of them.

You will read about London.



Charlotte

Ravi

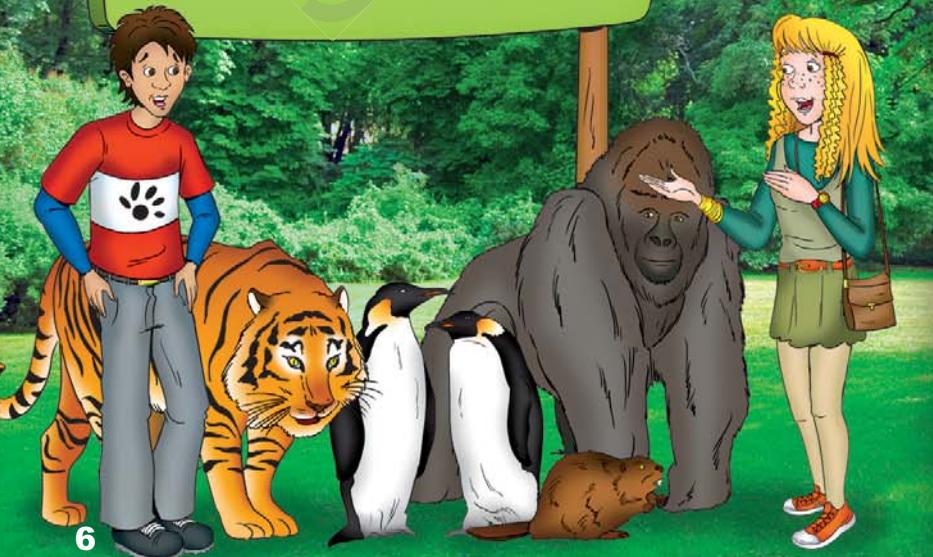
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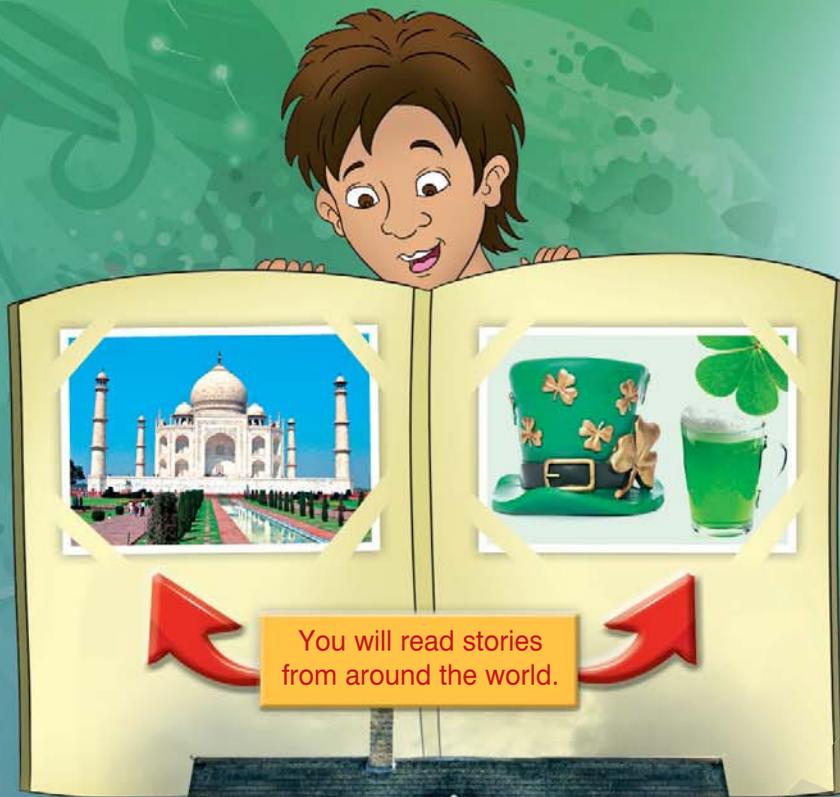
Jessie

You will read about what people do in their free time.



You will read about London Zoo.





You will read stories from around the world.



Charlotte will show you China.



You may see a ghost!

How exciting! You can even find out what it's like to be an astronaut.



SAMPLE PAGES

# UNIT 1



## Ready to speak?

### Answer the questions.

- 1
    - What are the two girls in picture 1 doing?
    - What kind of music do you think they are listening to?
  - 2
    - Who do you think the people in picture 2 are?
    - What are they going to do next?
  - 3
    - What can you see in picture 3?
    - How often do you think they go skiing?
- 
- What is your favourite kind of music?
  - What kinds of places do tourists visit in your country?
  - What are you and your friends going to do this weekend?

# At the music festival

Hi! I'm Jessie. Are you fond of music? What's your favourite kind of music? Well, my brother Zack and I are keen on hip hop and rock, and we often watch our favourite bands live. In fact, we are on our way to a teen open-air music festival at the moment. As you can see, I've got my expensive video camera with me and I'm recording the events.

We are at the entrance now and Zack is paying for our tickets.



Zack: Two tickets, please.

Woman: That's eight pounds, please.

Zack: Here you are.

Woman: That's two pounds change.

Zack is buying a programme now so we can see where each band is playing. I must say I don't usually like crowded places, but here it's different because everyone is the same age as us. Ah! Here we are. What time are *The Jet Blacks* coming on stage, Zack?

Zack: In about ten minutes. Oh, wait! There's the lead singer now. He always comes out first. Oh look! The drummer and guitarists are behind him.

The atmosphere is fantastic. Look at all their fans! They're clapping and cheering like crazy. I want to clap too, but I'm holding the camera and I don't want to break it. The guitarists have got their guitars now and they're starting to play. Can you hear them? The fans are having a great time. Some are dancing while others are singing along. Later, Zack and I are having giant hot dogs and Coca-Cola. Why don't you join us?

## About the text

Tick (✓) only the true sentences.

- 1 Jessie and Zack like the same music.
- 2 Jessie and Zack are at a music festival.
- 3 Jessie's video camera isn't very expensive.
- 4 Zack gives the woman ten pounds.
- 5 Jessie and Zack aren't having hot dogs later.

## PRACTICE

### 1 Grammar

#### Simple Present / Present Continuous

I **wake** up at seven every day.  
They **don't** usually **go** out on Fridays.  
Jessie **is recording** the events.  
We're **going** to a music festival tomorrow.  
■ Everyone **is having** a great time.

[See Grammar Reference in Companion]

Fill in the **simple present** or the **present continuous**.

- 1 ..... Mary often ..... (**go**) to music festivals?
- 2 Paul ..... (**buy**) the tickets at the moment.
- 3 ..... the fans ..... (**have**) a good time?
- 4 She ..... (**sing**) at a music festival tomorrow evening.
- 5 We usually ..... (**start**) school at 9 o'clock.
- 6 Listen! Their fans ..... (**cheer**).

### 2 Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer.

- 1 If you are **keen** on something, you ..... it.  
a like                      b don't like
- 2 If a place is **crowded**, there are ..... people there.  
a not many              b a lot of
- 3 If something is **expensive**, it ..... a lot of money.  
a costs                    b doesn't cost
- 4 If something is **fantastic**, it is .....  
a very good              b not very good

### 3 Word Building

Fill in the correct form of the word in capitals.

- 1 The lead ..... is on stage now. **SING**
- 2 Are there three or four ..... in this band? **GUITAR**
- 3 I think the new ..... is very good. **DRUM**

## Everyday English

### expressing likes

**a** Listen to the following dialogue. 

Liz: Hi, John. Where are you going?

John: I'm going to Simon's house to listen to his new **U2** CD.

Liz: Wow! **U2**. I really enjoy their music.

John: Me too. You can't beat them. What other kinds of music do you listen to, Liz?

Liz: Well, I'm fond of singers like **Shakira** and **Jennifer Lopez**.

John: Hm. My sister is keen on them too.



- b** Now read the dialogue again and underline the phrases which the speakers use to say they like something.
- c** Act out a similar dialogue with your partner. You may replace the words in bold if you wish.

# Freerunning

What do you and your friends do in your spare time? Do you usually go to someone's house to play computer games or are you looking for something more exciting? Well, why don't you try freerunning?

Read this text below about freerunning. Is there anything that surprises you about it?

1 .....

I used to think that freerunning was just another one of those things that young people like to do to show off. However, I soon changed my mind when I saw a group of five teenagers who were doing freerunning while I was walking through the city centre.

2 .....

They were performing a number of street stunts and they were jumping over low walls. I was so amazed by them that I went over to talk to them about it. They were very friendly, and two of them, Brett and John, even demonstrated some more of their moves.

3 .....

John told me that freerunning is not just a sport but an activity which makes you feel free. Some people say it is a form of art, and after Brett and John's demonstration, I know why.

4 .....

When I said that I wanted to try it, Brett gave me some very useful advice. 'Remember that this is a sport, so you need to be fit and healthy. To avoid injury, it is a good idea to do some warm-up exercises before you start each time.' I really want to get in shape now and I am going to go jogging every morning and cut out junk food so I can start my new hobby.

Choose the correct heading to go with each paragraph.

- A MORE THAN JUST A SPORT!
- B A CHANGE OF OPINION
- C A QUICK DEMONSTRATION
- D THE CORRECT WAY

## About the text

Put the sentences in the correct order. The writer ...

- ..... saw a demonstration of freerunning.
- ..... said that he wanted to try freerunning.
- ..... went to have a talk with the teenagers.
- ..... decided to start freerunning.
- ..... saw some teenagers who were doing freerunning.

## PRACTICE

### 1 Grammar & Writing

#### Simple Past / Past Continuous

He **started** jogging last year.  
I **liked** computer games when I was little.  
OR: I **used to like** computer games when ...

He **was reading** the book { at eight o'clock.  
when I called him.  
while he was having breakfast.

[See Grammar Reference in Companion]

a Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Tim **was playing / played** football when I saw him yesterday.
- 2 When I was young, I **often went / was often going** to music festivals around the country.
- 3 **Did you watch / Were you watching** TV at seven o'clock last night?
- 4 They **ate / were eating**, and then **went / were going** to the cinema.
- 5 Sally **listened / was listening** to the radio while she **was driving / drove** to work.
- 6 People **weren't having / didn't use to have** computers one hundred years ago.



b Use the ideas below to write sentences of your own. Use the **simple past** and the **past continuous**.

- my friend phone
- hear a noise
- see a mouse
- my cousin arrive
- play a board game
- have lunch
- watch TV
- do my homework

My friend phoned while I was playing a board game.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....

### 2 Vocabulary

a Read this extract. For each gap (1-6), choose the best option (A-F).

A	advice	C	jogging	E	injury
B	before	D	useful	F	just

My friend Louise is very fit and that's why I visited her last week. You see, I needed some (1) ..... on how to get in shape. What she told me was very (2) ..... She said that the most important thing is to be fit and healthy. So if I (3) ..... cut out junk food and go (4) ..... then I won't have a problem. Another thing she told me was to do warm-up exercises (5) ..... I start so I can avoid (6) .....



b Now listen and check your answers.



### 3 Speaking - Pair Work

Imagine that you are Louise's friend. What was Louise's family doing when you went to visit her? With your partner, ask and answer questions, using the **past continuous**.

What was her brother doing when you went to the house?

He was playing computer games.



her brother / play computer games



her mother and father / talk



her sister / play the guitar

# A day out in London

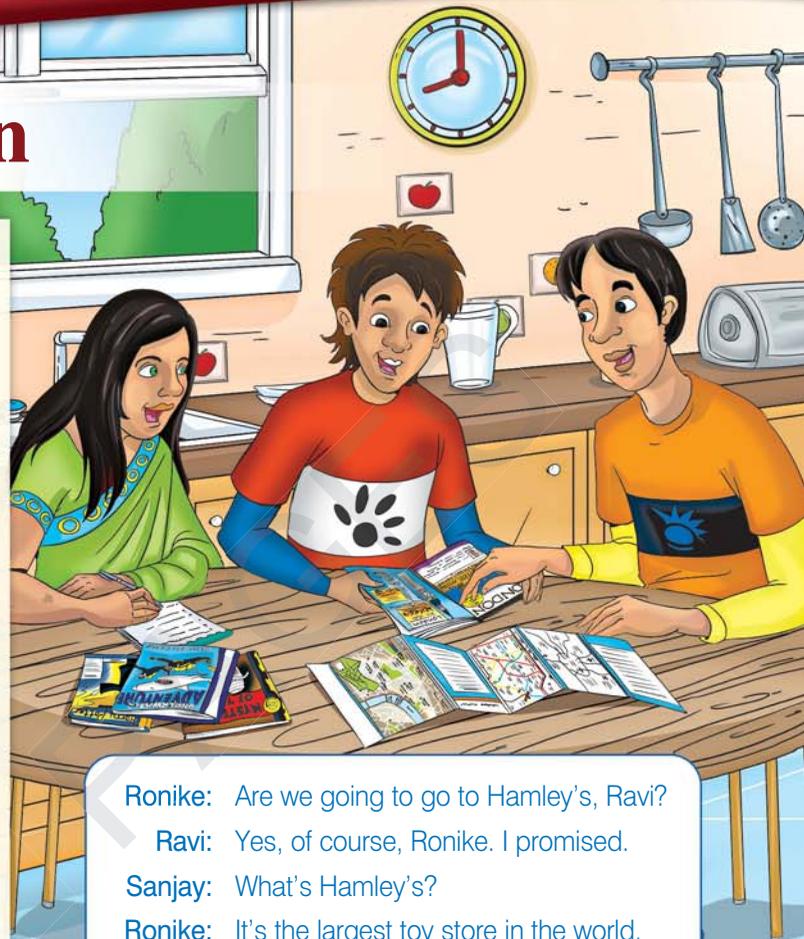
This is Ravi and his cousins, Sanjay and Ronike. Sanjay and Ronike live in India and this is their first time in England. This time tomorrow, Ravi will be taking them on an unforgettable sightseeing tour of London. They all like history and so they are really looking forward to it.

When they arrive in London, they will take a double-decker bus to the London Science Museum. There are a lot of fascinating things for the children to see and do there. This week there is a computer games exhibition on, so the children will be able to learn interesting things about the history of computer games.

After the exhibition, the children are going to visit the Tower of London. William the Conqueror started to build the Tower of London in 1078 for protection not only from invaders but also the local people because he wasn't very popular with them.

Then, the children will go on a boat trip down the River Thames to Buckingham Palace where they will take photos of the Queen's official London residence. When the royal flag is flying on top of Buckingham Palace, it means that the Queen is at home.

The London Eye will be next – a thirty-minute ride on it will give them the chance to see London from up high. How exciting that is! You can get a great view of Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament from up there.



**Ronike:** Are we going to go to Hamley's, Ravi?

**Ravi:** Yes, of course, Ronike. I promised.

**Sanjay:** What's Hamley's?

**Ronike:** It's the largest toy store in the world.

**Sanjay:** Oh no! With such a huge selection of toys there, it will be impossible for you to decide what to buy and we won't have time for anything else.

**Ronike:** I don't take that long, Sanjay. It's just that you are so impatient.

**Sanjay:** Hm! I bet that at five o'clock tomorrow, you'll still be shopping.



## About the text

### Answer the questions.

- 1 Who are Sanjay and Ronike?  
.....
- 2 How will they get to the London Science Museum?  
.....
- 3 What will they learn at the museum?  
.....
- 4 How long will they be on the London Eye?  
.....
- 5 What is Hamley's?  
.....

## PRACTICE

### 1 Grammar

#### Simple Future / Future Continuous

They **will meet** us at the train station.  
Where **will** you **be** tomorrow morning?

- We're **going to visit** Buckingham Palace tomorrow.

This time tomorrow, John **will be flying** to Rome.  
I'll **be watching** TV while you're studying.

- Call me **when / as soon as** you **get** home.  
[NOT: ... when / as soon as you **will get** home.]  
What will you be doing while I'm **cooking**?  
[NOT: ... while I **will be cooking**?]

[See Grammar Reference in Companion]

#### Choose the correct answer.

- 1 John ..... his homework while we are watching TV.  
a will not be doing    b will be not doing
- 2 Look at that cat! It ..... to catch the mouse.  
a will    b is going
- 3 As soon as she ....., I will talk to her.  
a will arrive    b arrives
- 4 We ..... buy a new car when we have enough money.  
a will    b are going
- 5 This time tomorrow, I ..... to London.  
a will travel    b will be travelling
- 6 What will he be doing while ..... studying?  
a I am    b I will be



### 2 Vocabulary

Tick (✓) only the true sentences.

- 1 If you are **looking forward to something**, you can't wait for it.
- 2 If something is **fascinating**, it is very interesting.
- 3 A **residence** is where someone lives.
- 4 If you have a **huge selection** of something, you don't have a lot of them.

### 3 Language Awareness

Choose the correct answer.

- 1 My sister is a very **patient / impatient** person and doesn't like waiting for anything.
- 2 Jack Baker never does his homework which makes him very **unpopular / popular** with his teachers.
- 3 I wanted to visit the museum, but the others didn't find the idea very **exciting / unexciting**.
- 4 'My brother learnt three languages in a year.'  
'Wow! Is that **impossible / possible**?'

### 4 Listening

Listen to two dialogues and choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 Before he starts to study, Mark is going to .....  
A watch TV  
B listen to music  
C go to bed
- 2 Where are the two people going to next?  
A the Tower of London  
B the London Eye  
C the Science Museum

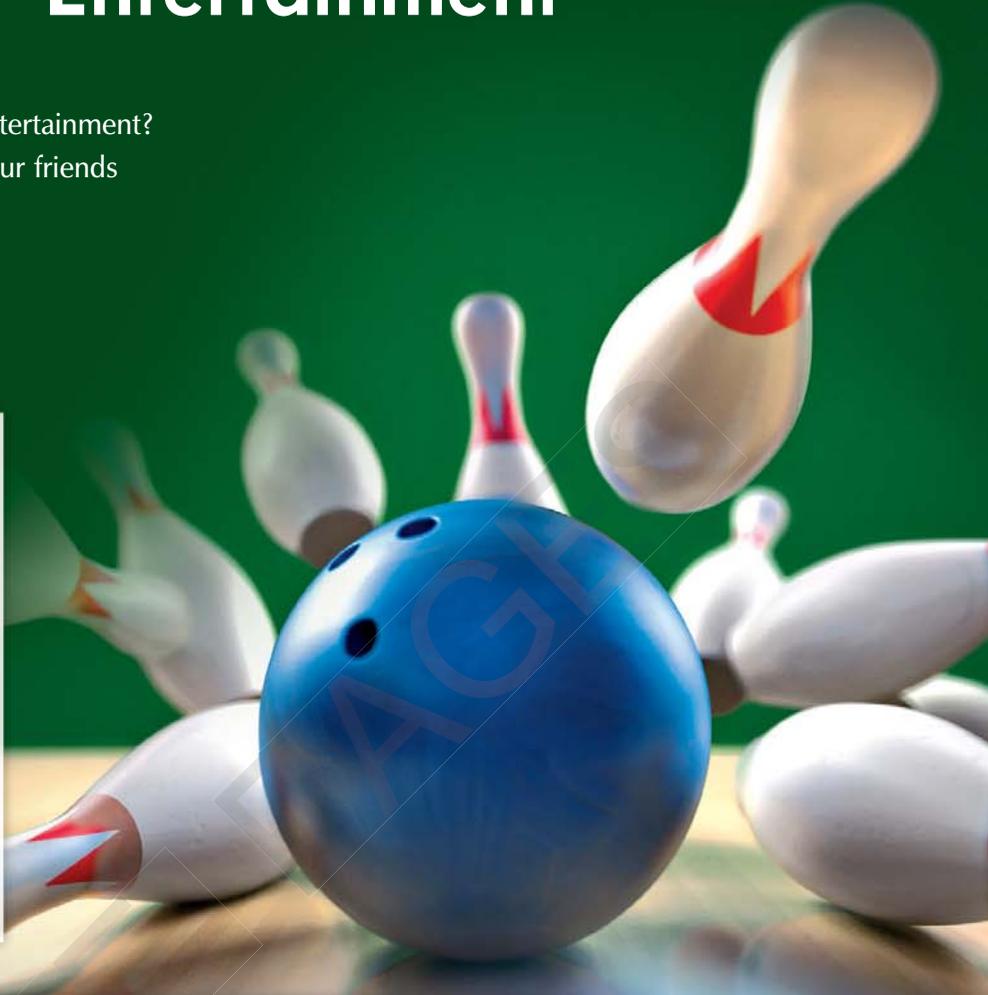
# Entertainment

What comes to mind when you think of entertainment?  
What form of entertainment do you and your friends like doing together?

Read what the following teenagers do for entertainment.

Patricia, 14, Ireland

When we want to have a good time, my friends and I usually make arrangements to go to the bowling alley in the city centre. The atmosphere there is fantastic! It is mostly full of young people, and because we go there so often, most of the faces are familiar, which makes us feel at home. We usually divide ourselves into two teams and compete with each other.

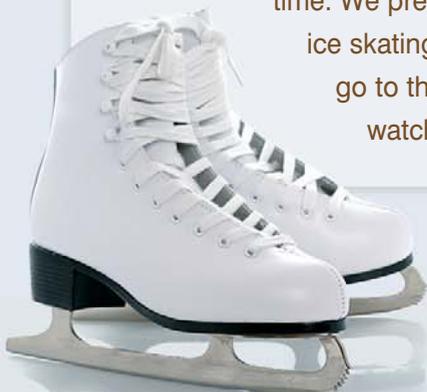


Hans, 13, Austria

Well, because we live in such a mountainous country, my friends and I never miss the chance to go skiing on the snowy slopes. When the weather is good, we take our skis and head for the nearest slopes. However, on days when the weather is bad, we often meet at Franz's house and play on his *Wii*. We have such a laugh.

Klara, 15, Sweden

Believe it or not, in Sweden there are two important things that we have to learn – how to swim and ice skate. My friends and I often meet up at the local skating rink and have a great time. We prefer to do outdoor activities such as ice skating in spite of the bitter cold. We rarely go to the cinema because we can always watch films on DVD.



## About the texts

Tick (✓) the **true** sentences and correct the false ones.

- 1 Patricia and her friends usually stay at home.
- 2 Hans and his friends go skiing when it rains.
- 3 Swedish children learn how to watch films.
- 4 Klara and her friends don't go to the cinema very often.

## PRACTICE

### 1 Vocabulary

Fill in the correct word.

laugh • head • mind • chance • arrangements

- 1 My friends and I never miss the ..... to go bowling.
- 2 When are you going to make ..... to take us to the fair?
- 3 When you think of food, what's the first thing that comes to ..... ?
- 4 When the weather is bad, we usually ..... for the local bowling alley.
- 5 Did you have a ..... at the cinema last night, girls?



### 2 Writing Skills

- 1a** John's friend, Bjorn, is coming to visit him from Sweden. Choose the correct answer to complete his letter to him.

Dear Bjorn,

How are you? I'm writing to tell you about what we are going to do when you come to visit me.

To begin with, you won't be **(1) bored / boring** because there are lots of things to do around here. There are two ice skating rinks and three large cinemas in the city centre. We can meet my friends **(2) to / at** the bus stop and head for the new ice skating rink because this is our **(3) best / favourite** place at the moment. My friends and I usually have a good time there. Then we can go **(4) – / for** shopping.

I can't wait to see you. I'm sure we will have **(5) a / –** great time.

From,  
John

### 3 Speaking

Answer the questions.

- 1 How often do you meet up with your friends?
- 2 What kind of entertainment is there for young people in your area?
- 3 What's your favourite form of entertainment?



### 4 Writing Task

Now imagine that your friend from Austria is coming to visit you for a week. Write him/her a letter about the things you are planning to do together. Use this plan to help you.

**Paragraph 1:** Say why you are writing.

**Paragraph 2:** Tell your friend about what there is to see in your area.

**Paragraph 3:** Say what you are going to do together.

**Paragraph 4:** Say you can't wait to see him/her.

[See Writing Task Booklet]

- b** Now listen and check your answers. 

Enter our **BeyBlades** tournament!

As many of you may already know, here at *TeenSpot* we like nothing more than organising special events for our readers. This weekend we are going to hold a *BeyBlades* tournament in Hyde Park, London. So, why don't you find your *BeyBlades* and make your way there? Last month, more than 350 of you came to our skateboarding competition and what a day that was!



Latest  
Cinema  
News



All our *Emily the Strange* fans will be pleased to hear that Hollywood is bringing out a movie about their favourite comic book hero. For those of you who don't know, *Emily the Strange* is not like any other 13-year-old girl. To begin with, her hatred of the colour pink is unusual and she refuses to wear anything but black every day. The subjects she likes most are maths and science and her best friends are her four black cats!

Emily is very talented and independent which is probably why we like her so much. Now, for those of you who aren't lucky enough to own an *Emily the Strange* comic book yet, here's your chance to win one. All we want you to do is draw a picture of Emily and say what you like about her. The cartoonists, Jill Carter and Peter Baker, will judge them. Good luck!

Justin Bieber



Star  
Birthdays

This  
month



Lady Gaga

## About the texts

Choose the correct answer.

- What is *TeenSpot* organising in Hyde Park?
  - a skateboarding competition
  - a *BeyBlades* tournament
- Emily the Strange's* favourite colour is ..... .
  - pink
  - black
- Emily the Strange's* best friends ..... .
  - are four cats
  - have four cats
- If you want to win an *Emily the Strange* comic book, you need to draw a picture of ..... .
  - Emily the Strange*
  - yourself

## PRACTICE

### 1 Vocabulary

a Find words in the text to complete the table.

	Verb	Noun
1	refuse	refusal
2	compete	
3	hate	
4		drawing



b Now fill in the correct words from a to complete this short paragraph.

My little sister likes nothing more than entering (1) ....., and she just (2) ..... it when she doesn't win. She (3) ..... pictures, she writes stories and she even enters tournaments. She has won lots and lots of prizes, but she (4) ..... to give any of them to me. Sometimes I don't like my little sister.

c Now listen and check your answers. 

### 2 Speaking - Pair Work

Imagine that you are Jill Carter and Peter Baker and that you are judging the *Emily the Strange* pictures. With your partner, look at the pictures and decide the winner.



1. Gina, 14



2. Georgie, 10



3. Alexia, 15

I think that picture ... is better than picture ... .  
Do you agree?

### 3 Listening

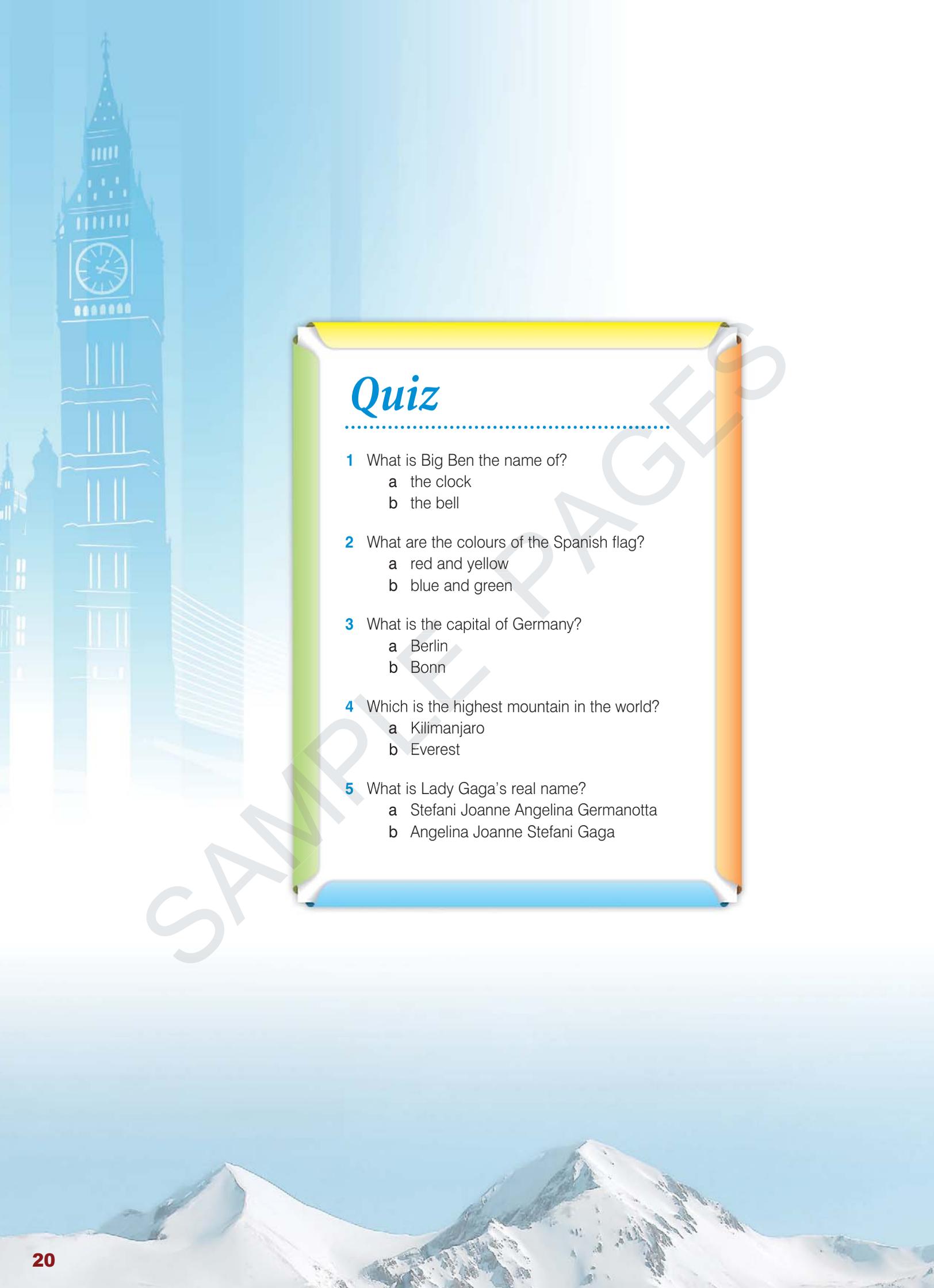
Four people are talking about their favourite hobby. Listen and complete the sentences.

- His favourite hobby is .....
- Her favourite hobby is .....
- His favourite hobby is .....
- Her favourite hobby is .....

### Riddle

Johnny's mother had three children. The first child's name was April. The second child's name was May. What was the third child's name?

Answer: Johnny! He's the third child!



## Quiz

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- 1 What is Big Ben the name of?
  - a the clock
  - b the bell
- 2 What are the colours of the Spanish flag?
  - a red and yellow
  - b blue and green
- 3 What is the capital of Germany?
  - a Berlin
  - b Bonn
- 4 Which is the highest mountain in the world?
  - a Kilimanjaro
  - b Everest
- 5 What is Lady Gaga's real name?
  - a Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
  - b Angelina Joanne Stefani Gaga

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