

Interests

A Art, bird-watching, cars, dancing,...

1 Look at the list in the box. Can you find five things that you are interested in? See if anybody else has noted exactly the same things as you. How many of the things are you not at all interested in?

antiques art babysitting birdwatching
cars collecting children's books cooking
the countryside dancing dogs
drawing driving gardening glass
Handel harmoniums history
horticulture houses interior design
jazz music opera pool reading
shooting sign language sport
swimming theatre travel walking
watching cricket worrying about money

2 You are going to hear short extracts from interviews with nine people. (Their names, in order, are: Liz Bullock, Vera, Basil, 'H-A', Jeanette, Lindsay, Tony, Liz Parkin and Ian.) They are interested in the activities listed in Exercise 1. Write the people's names, and see if you can note down some of their interests as you listen to the recording.

3 Now work in small groups and see how many of the following questions you can answer. When you have answered as many as possible, listen to the recording again and try to complete your answers.

1. Who is interested in sign language?
2. What are Liz Bullock's interests?
3. How many harmoniums has Ian got?
4. Is Vera interested in history?
5. What interest do Basil and Jeanette share?
6. What interest do Vera and H-A share?
7. Is the person who worries about money interested in antiques?
8. How many people say they are interested in reading?
9. Who has the most interests?
10. One of the interests in the list is not mentioned in the interviews. Which?

