

8 Fill in the gaps with one of the words from the list below.

patience memory talent knowledge
speed accuracy rhythm eye competition stamina

- Record producers can recognise talented musicians because they have a good for music.
- When making a collection of stamps or any other object, it helps to have a sense of
- Dancers and musicians alike should possess a sense of
- is important for a darts player as he must throw the dart at a small target.
- For hobbies such as fishing or bird-watching is an essential quality.
- When painting a picture you need to have a good for colour and details.
- Physically demanding sports require
- In running races the key factor is
- To do this jigsaw puzzle without looking at the picture requires a good
- To play a musical instrument well, you also need to have a certain amount of
- To play basketball one has to have a good of the rules.
- There is an element of and a desire to win in every sport.

9 Fill in the words from the list in the table below.

develops engineering skills, relaxing, develops a sense of rhythm, highly dangerous, risk of injury, become fitter, expensive, lonely, encourages creativity, creates atmosphere, need(s) special clothes, expands your horizons

	BENEFITS	DRAWBACKS
playing a musical instrument	develop knowledge of music and rhythm, become more skilful	expensive, requires a lot of practice
basketball, encourages a competitive and team spirit
fishing	peaceful, brings you closer to nature,	doesn't encourage fitness,, boring, time consuming
listening to music	can be both relaxing and stimulating, gives a lot of pleasure
dance classes	greater fitness and health, opportunity for social contact,	expensive fees,
knitting, can make original designs, economical	doesn't encourage communication with other people,
car racing	promotes self-confidence and courage,, expensive, very competitive
travelling, exciting	requires flexible lifestyle,

10 Talk about each pastime from the table in exercise 7. Choose a hobby you are interested in. Using the ideas above and the useful expressions below discuss a) the qualities you need for the hobby, b) any equipment you need, c) its benefits and drawbacks.

Useful expressions

need, must have, require, an advantage, a benefit, of course, obviously, to begin with, at the start
eg Playing a musical instrument will help you develop a knowledge of music and rhythm. It will also help you become more skilful. However, it can be quite an expensive hobby which requires a lot of practice. It can also be isolating as you will need to spend a lot of time on your own.

11 Compare the following pastimes/hobbies using the expressions below.

more than, less than, the most/least of, the best

