

56 Leisure at home

A TV, radio, music, video

I watch TV every evening. [NOT I see TV.]
Did you watch/see the film about President Kennedy?
I listen to the radio every morning. [NOT I hear the radio.]
What programmes do you like best on TV and radio?
I like watching films on TV. (or I like to watch ...)
I like listening to music on the radio. (or I like to listen ...)
I often listen to CDs or tapes when I am relaxing.
At the weekend, we usually watch a video.



B Hobbies/activities at home

A lot of young people play computer games every day.
Do you use the Internet?
I really like cooking.
Do you like gardening?
We grow flowers and vegetables in our garden.
I live in a flat. I don't have a garden,
but I have a lot of house plants.



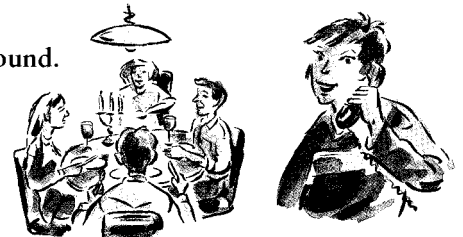
C Reading

I read a lot at home.
What do you read?
I read novels. (= long stories)
I like books about nature/different countries, etc.
I like magazines about rock music and sport.
Do you read a newspaper every day?



D Time with other people

Sometimes we invite friends around/have friends around.
(= we ask them to come to our house/flat)
I often have people/have friends to dinner.
My best friend comes to stay sometimes.
(= sleeps in my house/flat)
I talk to my friends on the phone every evening, or
I ring my friends every evening.



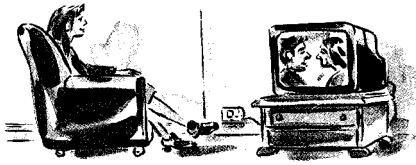
E Just relaxing

Sometimes, I just do nothing.
I like to have a sleep after lunch.



Exercises

56.1 What are these people doing?



1 She's



4 She's



2 He's



5 She's using the



3 He's a



6 He's to a

56.2 Fill in the missing verbs.

- 1 Sometimes I ...listen..... to CDs or tapes.
- 2 I prefer to magazines more than newspapers.
- 3 I to my sister on the phone every Sunday.
- 4 A lot of people like to a sleep after lunch.
- 5 Do you ever friends to dinner?
- 6 The children computer games every evening.
- 7 Shall we a video tonight?
- 8 Did you the programme about Namibia yesterday?
- 9 My father vegetables in his garden.

56.3 Answer for yourself.

- 1 If you have friends around, what do you like to do?
- 2 Does anyone come to stay at your house/flat?
- 3 What do you like to read most?
- 4 How often do you ring your friends?

56.4 Interesting or boring? Put these leisure activities in order, from *most interesting* to *most boring*, in your opinion.

gardening cooking reading using the Internet watching videos
listening to music doing nothing

