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Vocabulary

1. Look at the picture. Circle the correct answers.



We're in the **1.** _____ at my college. This is where my team and I **2.** _____ three times a week. After that, we usually go to the **3.** _____ to eat. I'd like to **4.** _____ in some other extracurricular activities. But at the **5.** _____, I'm just too busy.

1. a. courtyard	b. athletic centre	c. concert hall	d. laboratory
2. a. consider	b. imagine	c. practice	d. continue
3. a. food court	b. garage	c. academic centre	d. auditorium
4. a. prefer	b. avoid	c. dislike	d. participate
5 a. moment	b. outside	c. topic	d. event

2. Fill in the gaps with the correct words from the box. Two words will not be used.

solving	lecture	occasionally	experiments	involving	join	get along

1. My computer usually works well, but _____, it gets very slow.

2. Do you _____ with your siblings, or do you fight often?

3. Let's ask Will for help. He's good at _____ hard maths problems.

4. This is a fun science book for kids. It's about easy _____ that they can do at home.

5. If you miss a(n) _____ be sure to borrow a classmate's notes.

3. Match the words with the correct definitions.

1. roommate	a. a social group for people with the same interest
2. skill	b. farming; the raising of crop
3. presentation	c. things that happened recently
4. club	d. to move at the same speed as others
5. agriculture	e. a person you live with
6. current events	f. a short talk about a topic by a student or group
7. elective	g. to get better or make (something) better
8. assignment	h. a short course within the subject that you choose
9. improve	i. the ability to do something
10. keep up	j. work that a teacher or boss tells you to do

Grammar

4. Circle the correct preposition.

1. There's a courtyard (around / in front of) the administration building.

2. Go to the supermarket (across from / inside) the garage.

3. Our halls are (between / near) the stadium.

4. We're waiting (outside / behind) the classroom. We can't open the door.

5. There are many bus stops (opposite / around) the campus, so it's easy to get to your classes.

5. Put the words in order to make questions.

1. everyone / is / where / going

_____?

2. show / you / watching / what / are

_____?

3. your / how / daughter / feeling / is

_____?

4. is / loud / playing / music / who

_____?

5. crying / why / the / is / baby

_____?

6. Fill in the gaps with the correct forms of the verbs. Use simple present or present continuous.

1. Another class _____ the lab right now. (use)

2. I can't talk on the phone now because I _____. (drive)

3. Irina _____ around the park every morning. (jog)

4. My roommates _____ dinner. It smells delicious. (make)

5. Police officers _____ a very important job. (have)

7. Find the error and write the correction on the line.

1. I dislike play video games. _____

2. Mark is drinking coffee every day. _____

3. What you are looking for? _____

4. Study all night is hard. _____

5. I am liking doing presentations. _____

Comprehension

8. Read and circle true or false.

Hi Chris,
Nice to hear you're enjoying your final year! Just imagine: in a few months, we'll have our degrees!
I currently have a pretty full schedule, too. I'm taking two electives: German and Introduction to Philosophy. My professors like to give a lot of reading assignments. And I'm in the Astronomy Club. We meet in the science building once a week, and I take part in some of their events off campus. Plus, there's my job in the academic centre on Mondays and Fridays. I'm a tutor for a first-year who wants to improve their writing.
Sometimes it's hard to keep up with all of that. It's okay, though. I hate being bored and prefer to be busy.
Write again soon!
Lara

1. Chris is also a college student.	true	false
2. Lara is majoring in German.	true	false
3. She participates in some activities off-campus.	true	false
4. She works part-time on campus.	true	false
5. She dislikes having so much to do.	true	false

9. Read and circle true or false.

Simon: How's your term going?
Hanna: Not bad, but I do have one problem. We're doing group presentations in my history class.
Simon: Why is that a problem? Do you dislike the people in your group?
Hanna: No, we get along fine. I just hate talking in front of a big group. I hardly ever speak in class. And when I talk, people can't even hear me.
Simon: Well, would like to improve your speaking skills?
Hanna: I don't think I can.
Simon: Sure, you can. You just have to practice. I'm in the speech club. You should consider joining.
Hanna: What does the club do?
Simon: We practice giving talks about things we like, current events. Anything, really. Then we discuss them.
Hanna: That sounds interesting. And I do have some free time these days.

1. Hanna is having a problem doing historical research.	true	false
2. She doesn't like the students in her group.	true	false
3. Simon suggests an extracurricular activity.	true	false
4. The speech club talks about many different topics.	true	false
5. Hanna is not very busy lately.	true	false

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Answer Key

1.
1. athletic centre
2. practice
3. food court
4. participate
5. moment

2.
1. occasionally
2. get along
3. solving
4. experiments
5. lecture

3.
1. e
2. i
3. f
4. a
5. b
6. c
7. h
8. j
9. g
10. d

4.
1. in front of
2. across from
3. near
4. outside
5. around

5.
1. Where is everyone going?
2. What show are you watching?
3. How is your daughter feeling?
4. Who is playing loud music?
5. Why is the baby crying?

6.
1. is using
2. am driving
3. jogs
4. are making
5. have

7.
1. play → playing
2. is drinking → drinks
3. you are → are you
4. Study → Studying
5. am liking → like

8.
1. true
2. false
3. true
4. true
5. false

9.
1. false
2. false
3. true
4. true
5. true