

15A *Childhood memories*

Activity 1

- A** A: Can you match the games with the pictures?
B: I think the first picture is *tag*. What do you think?
A: I agree. I think the game in the second picture is soccer.

Activity 1

- B** A: What games did you play as a child?
B: I played hopscotch, but I never played marbles.
A: Really? I loved marbles. I also played hide-and-seek.

A: What other things did you like to do?
B: I liked to ride bicycles with my friends.
A: I liked to play computer games, like Mario Brothers.

A: What did you like about your childhood? What didn't you like?
B: I liked that I didn't have many worries. But studying for exams was really hard.
A: I didn't like studying for exams, either. I wanted to play more.

A: Would you like to be a child again?
B: Yes, because it would be fun to play all day. Would you?
A: No, I don't think so. I'm happy with my life now.

Activity 2

- C** A: Whose story do you think is the funniest? the most frightening?
B: I think Cindy's story about Kevin is the funniest. All his friends forgot about him!
A: I think her story is the most frightening. Imagine, Kevin was hiding until midnight!

A: Did you have any similar experiences when you were young?
B: This is kind of similar to Howard's story. My friends and I used to climb this big tree across the street from our houses. There was a big storm one summer, and lightning struck the tree. Fortunately, I was inside my house. But the noise was really frightening!
A: Wow! That's amazing.

Activity 3

- A** A: Can you remember a time you felt proud as a child?
B: Let's see . . . I felt proud when I won an award for singing. My teacher gave me a music book.
A: I felt proud when I passed my high school entrance exams.

Activity 3

- B** A: Let's share our ideas.
B: OK. I felt proud when I won an award for singing.
C: That's great. Well, I felt proud when I graduated from high school.

Activity 3

- D** A: Can you tell us about your childhood memory?
B: This happened when I was ten. The boy behind me in class was talking.
C: Did the teacher think the boy was you?
B: Yeah, she did. She punished me.
D: What happened?
B: I cried because it wasn't fair.

15B *Fads and fashions*

Activity 1

- A** A: Which fads were popular in your country?
B: Yo-yos and Frisbees were popular in my country.
A: Skateboards were also popular in my country.

Activity 1

- D** A: Which fads in part B were more popular with boys?
B: I think skateboards were more popular with boys.
C: I agree. I also think Hello Kitty was more popular with girls.

A: Which are still popular here?
B: Tamagotchis and Hello Kitty are still really popular.
C: I think yo-yos have recently become popular again, too.

A: What other fads are popular now?
B: MP3 players are really popular at the moment.
C: Yeah, it seems everyone is listening to music everywhere they go.

Activity 2

- A** A: These things were once in style. How do they look now?
B: I think suspenders look really old-fashioned now.
A: Yeah. People don't wear them much these days.

Activity 2

- B** A: What's in style now?
B: For fashion, jeans are definitely in style for both men and women.
A: Right. The bald look – a shaved head – is a popular hairstyle for men.
B: I agree. And tiny MP3 players are definitely in style now.

Activity 2

- C** A: What things are now out of style?
B: Round sunglasses were in style when I was younger, but now they're out of style.
C: I think so, too. When I was in high school, knee socks were popular with girls, but they're not anymore.