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Level 4 Unit 4
WorksheetTHE  INDEPENDENT

DJ-ing: Turn a hobby into a real money spinner

Lead-in

1 Work in pairs or small groups. Discuss the following questions before you read the text.

- 1 Would you like to do any of your hobbies for a living?
- 2 How would you feel about performing in public as part of your job?
- 3 What qualities and experience do you need to be a professional DJ?

Reading comprehension (1): scanning for specific language

2 Here are some of the personal qualities and experience which Tim refers to as being useful for his work in the text.*outgoing / playing at birthday parties and weddings / passionate about music /**be prepared to cover a wide range of styles / act as a roadie / experience of club culture /**a feel for the type of music that gets different people dancing*

Are you surprised by any of these? Now see how quickly you can find this language in the text. See if you can underline every word or phrase in under one minute.

Vocabulary (1): words in context

3 The list of words and phrases on the left below are printed in italics in the article. Find them and circle the best definition for each in this particular context from the options given on the right.

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|---------------------|---|
| 1 <i>outgoing</i> | going out / <u>sociable</u> / expensive lifestyle |
| 2 <i>enhancing</i> | making worse / improving / changing |
| 3 <i>sniffy</i> | having flu / feeling enthusiastic / feeling superior |
| 4 <i>venturing</i> | entering confidently / entering riskily / entering for business |
| 5 <i>cheesy</i> | complex and fashionable / simple and unfashionable / unknown |
| 6 <i>perennial</i> | continuing over a long time / occasional / surprising |
| 7 <i>rappart</i> | connection / act of rapping / understanding |
| 8 <i>forefront</i> | the back of / the front of / behind |
| 9 <i>renowned</i> | know / energetic / famous |
| 10 <i>nocturnal</i> | in the day / at night / active |

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Reading comprehension (2): understanding detail

4 Look at these opinions below and decide if they are true (T) or false (F):

- 1 A night on the dance floor improves your life. (T: 'great music is definitely life-enhancing', para 1)
- 2 Playing a set gives you exactly the same feelings as taking drugs.
- 3 Tim will even play poor quality commercial music at parties.
- 4 You need to specialise in the styles of music you play right from the beginning.
- 5 Working in hotels taught Tim how to understand what to play for different crowds.
- 6 Networking can result in opportunities to work.
- 7 Eating with members of the crowd can help rapport.
- 8 Being aware of new trends can help your career
- 9 UK DJ's can find work in top hotels all over the world.
- 10 You can just sleep and relax after a night of DJ-ing.

Vocabulary (2): idiomatic expressions

5 Find the words or phrases in the text which match the definitions below:

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|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 behave like you're free | <u>let</u> | <u>your</u> | <u>hair</u> | <u>down</u> |
| 2 an excited feeling | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3 get everyone dancing | _____ | _____ | <u>the</u> | _____ |
| 4 understand the people's feeling | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5 understand how to do something | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6 watch for something | _____ | <u>on</u> | _____ | _____ |

Vocabulary (3): idiomatic expressions in use

6 Use your answers from Exercise 5 to complete the sentences below. You may need to change the form of some of the words.

- 1 The new record by 'Destroyer' is creating a huge buzz around the nightclubs and dance floors of Britain.
- 2 His job is to be always _____ for new talent.
- 3 You can't work all the time. You've got to _____ from time to time.
- 4 The crowd are a bit quiet tonight, but this track will get people up on their feet _____.
- 5 Before you DJ in large nightclubs, you need to _____ in smaller venues.
- 6 If you can't _____, you'll probably put on the wrong music and ruin people's night out.

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Grammar (1): different uses of *used to*

7 The following sentence appears in the text.

‘You have to get *used to* the nocturnal lifestyle.’But *used to* can be used in different senses in English. Match the examples with the explanations below.

- 1 Tom used to cycle to work everyday. b
- 2 People are used to using computers now. _____
- 3 She used to smoke but she doesn't anymore. _____
- 4 They got used to the cold weather after a few days. _____
- 5 She didn't use to like oranges before but she does now. _____
- 6 I didn't get used to getting up at six o'clock for school last year. _____
- 7 Did you use to play football? _____
- 8 Are you used to driving such long distances? _____

- a A verb which expresses a past situation which contrasts with the present _____
- b A verb which expresses a past routine or habit _____
- c An adjective which means 'accustomed to' _____

Grammar (2): using different forms of *used to*8 Complete the sentences below with *use/used*. Be careful to use the correct verb form.

- 1 She will never get used to living in London.
- 2 Peter _____ live in Manchester but he has a house in London now.
- 3 _____ walking in the snow now?
- 4 Do you think she'll ever _____ life without her cat?
- 5 Susan _____ like chocolate ice cream but she does now.
- 6 They _____ stop and buy the newspaper here every morning.
- 7 We tried but we _____ listening to his new style of music.
- 8 I'm sure that people _____ using mobile phones by now.
- 9 No, she _____ come to college here. She went to Mountford.
- 10 Playing the guitar left-handed can take a lot of _____.

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9 At the end of the article, there are details which include the Independent's student career planning website: www.independent.co.uk/student/career-planning/getting-job. Here it gives the following information about DJ-ing:

- cost and length of courses
- a website with listings
- information about earning potential
- equipment costs

Decide on an area of work you would like to look into. Think about and then discuss what you would need to find out with other members of your group.

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