

**Aims:**

To introduce the topic of leisure and some of the vocabulary around spare time and hobbies.

To discuss how students spend their free time in the UK and in their home countries.

To learn about the history of the borough through photos and stories.

**Introduction:**

This is a very broad topic that can prompt varied and enthusiastic conversations. Some of the photographs used in the activities show places which were closed at various points in 2020 so this can be an opportunity for students to share their experiences of finding alternative ways of spending their spare time. It is also an opportunity for them to find out from elders in their families how they spent their spare time when younger before the technology boom.

**Activities:**

- 5.1a What we do in our spare time
- 5.1b What we do in our spare time
- 5.1c What we do in our spare time
- 5.2 Our stories: sports we like to do
- 5.3 Find someone who...
- 5.4 Newham heritage fact: Queen's Market
- 5.5 Newham heritage fact: Beckton Alp
- 5.6 Our stories: in the evening
- 5.7 Knowledge check

**Procedure:****Worksheets 5.1a, 5.1b and 5.1c: What we do in our spare time**

These activities introduce topic specific vocabulary using images from the Image Pack. You can use all three worksheets to give your students a variety of ways of responding whilst consolidating the vocabulary or you can match the activity best suited to their level. Students match the word and image, connect the image and description with a line or write the description in the space provided.

Alternatively to printing the worksheets you can project on the whiteboard for a whole class activity.

**Worksheet 5.2: Our stories: sports we like to do**

Students read how about the sports other English language learners enjoy then answer a number of questions before discussing with a partner the sports they like to do and how they exercise.

**Worksheet 5.3: Find someone who...**

Students have to complete a table with information about other students relating to the topic of hobbies and pastimes. First they need to construct a question then ask people individually until they find someone who can give the appropriate answer, gradually building up knowledge about each other.

**Worksheet 5.4: Newham heritage fact: Queen's Market**

Students read the Newham heritage fact about Queen's Market, answer the questions then discuss markets in their country with a partner.

**Extension activity:** Shopping for food is an experience shared by most people so this could be a good topic for extended activities in which students discuss or write about markets in their countries. They might find similarities and differences in products, price, and the style of market traders. You can broaden this out by thinking about other places where people shop for food including roadside stalls, supermarkets and department stores.

**Worksheet 5.5: Newham heritage fact: Beckton Alp**

Students read the Newham heritage fact about Beckton Alp and answer the questions.

**Extension activity:** find the Alp on a map and work out how to get there from your house or college.

**Worksheet 5.6: Our stories: in the evening**

Students read stories from other English language learners about how they spend their evenings in their home countries and answer questions.

Encourage free discussion around the topic, you can adapt according to your students' level.

**Worksheet 5.7: Knowledge check**

This activity can be used to check your students understanding of some of the vocabulary used in the resource. To make this harder ask students to write short sentences using the words.

**ANSWERS:****Worksheets 5.1a, 5.1b and 5.1c: What we do in our spare time**

dance **E**                      watch a film **F**                      shop **I**                      play on the swings **A**  
 play football **D**                      swim **G**                      ski **H**                      borrow a book **B**

**Worksheets 5.1b and 5.1c:**

library — borrow books and DVDs                      ski slope — ski  
 dance — watch dancing                      market — go shopping

**Worksheet 5.2: Our stories: sports we like to do**

1. False, 2. True, 3. False

4. gym, garden 5. karate

**Worksheet 5.4: Newham heritage fact**

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| 1. Tuesday  | 4. false |
| 2. vegetables and clothes                         | 5. false |
| 3. fish, meat, new clothing and costume jewellery |          |

**Worksheet 5.5: Newham heritage fact**

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| 1. 1870        | 4. True  |
| 2. 4,500       | 5. False |
| 3. Beckton Alp |          |

**Worksheet 5.6: Our stories**

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| 1. True  | 5. False       |
| 2. False | 6. food, tea   |
| 3. True  | 7. neighbours  |
| 4. False | 8. Ghana, tree |

**Worksheet 5.7: Knowledge check**

Things we do in our spare time — skiing, reading, boxing, having a picnic, football, swimming, watching films, shopping

Where we do them — swimming pool, library, park, market, cinema