

vocabulary and speaking



- 1 Complete each sentence with the correct form of one of these phrasal verbs, and then discuss the answers to the questions with your partner.

take part in give up take up join in bring out catch on take in

- 1 Do you like hobbies you can do on your own, or do you prefer to activities with other people?
- 2 a Which new hobbies and pastimes have recently, and why did they become so popular?
b Are there any that you'd like to ? Is there anything that you regret not as a child?
- 3 Why might someone have to their favourite leisure activity? Have you ever had to any?
- 4 Which pastimes involve a lot of rules?
- 5 Do you agree that it's more important to something than to win?
- 6 Which sports do you think the worst in people? In what way? Why does this happen?

- 2 a The verbs in the box all describe gestures and actions. Which part of the body do you associate with each verb?
b Take turns choosing verbs from the box. For each one, explain it to your partner. They must guess which word it is, asking you questions if they need to.



nod point frown sniff stretch clap wink
scratch shrug hug chew pinch stare whistle

- c Which of the verbs in the box can also be used as nouns?
- d Which adverbs are often used with the verbs in the box (e.g. *chew noisily*)?
- e In your country, are any of these actions and gestures not acceptable in public?

talking points

- 1 What temptations do you find hard to resist?
- 2 Give some examples of 'bad habits'. Which are the most difficult habits to stop? Why? What suggestions do you have for people who want to stop?
- 3 Which bad habits most annoy you in other people? What good habits would you like to have?

- 3 a Explain the differences between these pairs of words.
- 1 *characteristics* and *quirks*
 - 2 *eccentricities* and *superstitions*
 - 3 *habits* and *obsessions*
 - 4 *temptations* and *compulsions*
- b Match sentences 1–8 with one of the eight words in a.
- 1 Carmen always goes to bed before 11 p.m.
 - 2 James Martin is a multi-millionaire, but he lives in an old caravan.
 - 3 My aunt believes breaking a mirror brings seven years' bad luck.
 - 4 Raymond can't stop thinking about football.
 - 5 I nearly bought a bottle of champagne even though I knew I couldn't afford it.
 - 6 Some people talk more softly than others.
 - 7 When he's nervous, my father always straightens his tie.
 - 8 Felicity feels she has to brush her hair every few minutes.