

# Unit 11 Magazine article



Identifying the main idea

Joseph is reading a magazine article on mobile apps. Read the magazine article.

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## Put Your Time to Good Use with Useful Apps!

When we have some free time, most of us tend to spend it on mobile games and social media. But we can actually put our time and our phones to better use. There are many useful apps for people to learn new things or take up new hobbies. Let's take a look at them!

### Language Parrot

Parrots are good at learning what people say. The creators of this app hope everyone can pick up a foreign language as naturally as a parrot, so they decided such a name. When you learn a new language with Language Parrot, you'll come across many free resources, including flash cards, news report videos, games and exercises. Moreover, you can post your writing on the interactive writing corner and get some useful feedback from other users. It's a good way to practise and improve your writing skills. You can also use the app to set your learning goals and create a **customised** learning schedule. If the resources are not enough for you, you can pay to unlock extra resources, such as video lessons delivered by experienced tutors and mock test papers.



### Training Club

Exercising regularly is important to our health. With this convenient fitness app, you can exercise anytime, anywhere. The **artificial** intelligence 'coach' in the app gives clear instructions to guide you through completing a set of exercises. For each training course, you can choose the level of difficulty from easy, moderate to hard. If you're a beginner, choose the easiest level. To make exercise even more fun, you can train with your friends! Connect this app to your social media account. Then you can send exercise challenges to your friends and start to compete with one another! Note that this app charges \$150 each year after the one-month free trial period is over. It is good that you can try its **functions** before you decide to pay.



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**Put something to good use (phr.)** means 'to use something for a good purpose or good outcome'.



10 mins

DATE

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.



- The magazine article is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. how to make good use of time
  - B. two ways to start new hobbies
  - C. two useful mobile apps
  - D. the importance of learning new things
- Which resource can Joseph NOT use for free in the app Language Parrot?
  - A. flash cards
  - B. news videos
  - C. exercises
  - D. mock papers
- Which of the following is NOT true about the app Training Club?
  - A. There is a virtual coach.
  - B. Users can interact with their friends.
  - C. People can use it for free for a year.
  - D. Users can select different modes for training.
- Which of the following words in the article means 'made according to the user's own needs'?
  - A. foreign
  - B. moderate
  - C. experienced
  - D. customised



Tip  
Q3: 'Interact' means 'to talk to and react to somebody'.

READING

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- Why does the app Language Parrot use the word 'Parrot' as its name?

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- How can Joseph use the app Language Parrot to improve his writing skills?

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Fill in each blank with ONE word from the magazine article. Change the word form when necessary.

I used a fitness app to exercise today. It is very 7. \_\_\_\_\_ because I can use it at home anytime. I'm a 8. \_\_\_\_\_ because I've just started exercising. I set a 9. \_\_\_\_\_ to lose 1 kg in a week. I hope I can achieve it.