

1 READING & SPEAKING

a Read about the website 43things.com.

43Things is a website where people write things that they want to do. There are always 43 different ambitions. Some are trivial, and some are more serious. Other people respond and write about their experiences and sometimes give advice.

b Read today's 43 things and responses A–E. Match the responses with five things people want to do. Do you think their advice is good?

c Complete the phrases from the text with a verb from the list.

become bite choose climb /klaɪm/
download go learn spend visit

- 1 _____ a mountain
- 2 _____ on a safari
- 3 _____ to cook
- 4 _____ less time on the Internet
- 5 _____ the lyrics
- 6 _____ five things you really like eating
- 7 _____ a Goth
- 8 _____ all the continents
- 9 _____ my nails

What do **you** want to do with your life?

On 43Things today, people want to...

climb Mount Kilimanjaro get up earlier go on a safari
get a new job have very long hair have more time for myself
learn to cook learn to dance like Shakira make a short movie
visit all the continents spend less time on the Internet write a novel
read 12 books a month run a half marathon see Radiohead live
learn to speak Italian stop biting my nails get married
go to Iceland write a song become a Goth paint my kitchen
spend less money on clothes stop eating meat stay awake for 24 hours

A



Spend less time on Facebook, for example, only two hours on weekends. Stop using Second Life if you use it. (I uninstalled it.)

B



Get a Laura Pausini CD. Download the lyrics to a song and translate them – you can use Google Translate for this. Listen carefully to the pronunciation, and then sing along with her. (I sang “Incancellabile.”)

C



You just **need** to stop cutting it! Don't worry about the latest fashions. Go for it!

D



Choose five things you really **like** eating (e.g., roast chicken and chocolate cake) and then look at recipes on the Internet. Choose the recipes that **you'd like** to try, preferably ones that aren't too difficult. Make the five things again and again until they're perfect. It isn't difficult. You just need to practice.

E



Wear black clothes. Be yourself, and listen to bands like The Cult and The Mission.

Second Life® a website that is a free 3D virtual world where users can socialize, create new personalities, and interact with other users
Laura Pausini an Italian pop singer, popular in several European and Latin American countries