



ENGLISH

Chapter 4 Session B

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SECONDARY

LOVE TO LEARN



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Learn new skills! Reviews: Amazing activity weeks

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1

PGL Learner Driver Course

Boreatton Park, Shropshire, England



Have you always wanted to learn to drive, but you haven't turned 17 yet? Don't worry – this six-day activity course is for 13–16-year-olds! I've wanted to **get behind the wheel** for years, so this was the perfect opportunity! I really was allowed to drive a real car – a Mini Cooper, no less! Obviously we didn't drive on real roads, but we had plenty of practice every morning at a special **off-road** location. Have I passed my test yet? No, I haven't – unfortunately that's not legal yet! But I have learned how to drive and park the car, and how to pass the theory test. As well as that, I tried quad-biking and go-karting, and made some great new friends! 😊

Alice (14)



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Root Camp Cooking Course



Different locations in England and Scotland

Whether you've been a mini-chef for years or you've just started cooking, I'd definitely recommend Root Camp. I've learned to bake bread, catch fish and survive for a week without Wi-Fi! 😊 Honestly, it was great fun meeting everyone else and camping on the Isle of Bute in Scotland. I've enjoyed cooking since I was a kid, but I never realized it could be so creative! This course has definitely inspired me. Since coming home, I've **experimented** with some new dishes. I've uploaded photos of them on Instagram® – have a look [here](#)! (By the way, this six-day **residential** course is for 15–21-year-olds.)

Ben (16)



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Fire Tech Robotics Course



Lancing College, Brighton, England

I've just finished a Robotics course at Fire Tech. What an amazing week! If you've ever wanted to **master** robotics, this is the course for you. I've learned to design my own robot, build it using a VEX® IQ kit, and program it in the ROBOTC language. It was very **hands-on** and we tested our robots in real competitions. We worked in teams and it was really exciting to see whose robots would win. I also learned to write computer code. This one-week course is for under-17s, and other Fire Tech courses include app design, video game design and digital music production. I've already put them on my wish list!

Cora (15)



Online reviews



- 1** Choose two new skills that you want to learn. Where can you learn these skills?
- 2** Skim the reviews on p27. Which of the skills in the box are they about?

climbing cooking driving first aid robotics

climbing

driving

robotics

Subskill: Scanning for specific information

When you scan a text, you read it very quickly to look for specific information. It doesn't matter if you don't understand all the words.

3 Scan the reviews and complete the table.

	Driver course	Cooking course	Robotics course
Age	1 13 to 16	2 15 to 21	3 Under 17s
Number of days	4 6	5 6	6 One week

4  Read and listen to the text. Make a list of three new skills that Alice, Ben and Cora learned.

Alice: how to drive, park the car, pass the theory test

Ben: how to bake bread, catch fish, survive without Wi-Fi

Cora: how to design a robot, build a robot, program a robot

1 Why hasn't Alice passed her test yet?

Because she isn't old enough – you have to be 17 to take your driving test in the UK.

2 What other activities did Alice try?

Quad-biking and Go-karting

3 Did Ben stay in a hotel?

No, he was camping

4 What did Ben do after the cooking course?


After getting home, he's experimented with some new dishes and uploaded photos of the dishes on Instagram.

5 How did Cora test her robot?

They tested their robots in competitions.

6 What other Fire Tech courses are there?

App design, video game design, digital music production.

7  Write questions for the answers about Alice, Ben and Cora. Start with the words given.

- 1 What kind of car did Alice drive? 4 Could Ben use his mobile during the course?

She drove a Mini Cooper®.

No, he couldn't. There wasn't any Wi-Fi.

- 2 How old is Alice?

She's 14.

- 5 What did Cora learn?

She learned to design and build robots.

- 3 Can Ben make bread?

Yes, he can. He learned on the course.

- 6 Did Cora have a good time?

Yes, she did. She had a great week!



5

Word work

Find words or expressions in

the text that mean:

- 1 try new ideas or methods (v)
- 2 practical (adj)
- 3 drive (an expression with v+n)
- 4 become an expert at something (v)
- 5 when you live at the place you're studying (adj)
- 6 not on real roads (adj)

Off - road

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From 1 to 5

