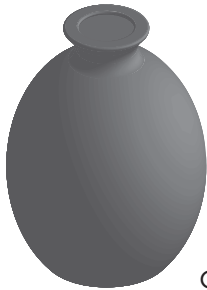


Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

Story 1 Yesterday I was playing basketball with three of my friends. I noticed it was getting dark. I looked at my watch. We had been playing for two hours. The score had been close throughout the game.



I was making great shots and felt like I was in the NBA. We were all trying to out-do each other with our slam dunks. I was full of energy and wanted to keep playing. I was sorry when my friends had to go. We agreed to meet the next day for another game.



Story 2 I started ceramics class when I was a freshman. My teacher told me I had talent and should take the class again. I really liked the class and took it again as a sophomore. Now, I'm a junior and one of the top students in the class.

This year, I finally feel ready to enter one of my pieces in the art fair. It is a tall vase. I have been shaping it for several months. The first two attempts blew up in the oven. The third one was successful. When I start to work on it, I lose all track of time.

I've been spending hours on it after school. I work on it in the classroom. One night I lost track of time. The janitor came in at 10:00 pm and told me he was closing up. My parents were really upset at me for not calling. It made me realize how much I love ceramics.

Story 3 I spend every minute I can on my skateboard. I started skating when I was four, when I got my first board. My board has the best wheels and deck. I started skating on ramps and pipes when I was six. But, street skating is my favorite because I can skate anytime. All my friends tell me that my Ollie is the best. I can do all kinds of kickflips.



I've won a few local competitions and I keep getting better. I am really excited that skateboarding is now in the Olympics. My new goal is to be an Olympic skater so I spend all of my free time on my board. Sometimes I work a trick for hours and lose track of time. Skateboarding is the first thing I think of when I wake up and before I go to sleep.

1. Why do these teenagers love what they do?
2. What is the same about each of the characters?
3. Why does time go so fast when they are working on their hobby?