UNSEEN DICTATION PASSAGE (1)

I have many hobbies. For example, I like **ice-skating**, **hiking** and **gaming**. Which hobby is my favourite? It's **ice-skating**. I took up this exciting activity because I wanted to **have fun with** my **friends** and **keep fit** too. As time went by, I found that ice-skating could help me in other ways too. It helps me **gain more confidence** and **make new friends**. It also helps me **explore my creativity**.

Next year, I'm thinking of taking up **calligraphy** and **martial arts**. I want to explore new interests and **develop** some **new skills**. What's more, I want to learn more about Chinese culture.

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