

HOBBIES

Main theme addressed	In this lesson, you will learn about hobbies.
Key Goals	Here is an outline of what you will learn today: 1. The name of various hobbies and interests 2. Talking about hobbies and interests

1. The name of various hobbies and interests

What do you do in your free time?

The free time means when you are not working, not studying but you can choose what to do. It's your leisure time! Everyone has an interest, a hobby, a particular way to spend its free time!

In this lesson, you will learn new vocabulary by looking at some of the things or activities that people love/like to do in its free time. For each hobby or interest, you will first read a brief definition and then study a series of examples (words and pictures). There will be exercises after the study phase.

Talking about **hobbies** you certainly remember some examples:

watching TV, going to the cinema, going out with friends, playing a musical instrument, listening to music and reading, going out with friends, etc.

Today we'll look at some of these in **more detail!**

For example, imagine you're **going to the cinema**... which kind of film can you see??

comedy	a film that is intentionally funny in its characters or its action.	For example, "Meet the parents"
horror	a film in which very frightening or unnatural things happen, for example dead people coming to life and people being murdered.	For example, "The Exorcist"
fantasy	a film that describes situations that are very different from real life, usually involving magic.	For example, "Harry Potter"
documentary	that gives information about a subject and is based on facts.	For example, a film on wildlife

You can also **do many things with your friends**, like going out to a bar, going dancing at a club, having dinner at a restaurant, play a sport, sit down and talk, go out for a coffee, or any other activity that you all enjoy.

Here there are some additional activities could do:

playing board game	Any of many games, for example chess , in which small pieces are moved around on a board with a pattern on it.
hanging out	When you spend a lot of time in a place or with someone without doing anything specific.

movie marathon	When you decide to spend many hours in a short period of time watching a lot of films or tv series.
hosting spa day	A spa party is a great way of relaxing by bringing the comforts and treatments of spa in your living room with friends.
video game tournaments	When you and your friends are involved in a series of competition playing your favorite video games.

Young people usually want to learn how to play guitar or piano but, someone is attracted by other **musical instruments**, such as:

saxophone		cello	
flute		drum	
trumpet		violin	

There are many, many **arts and crafts** that you can learn and practice. For example, which of the following **manual activities** would you like to practice?

<p>paint</p>		<p>sew</p>	
<p>draw</p>		<p>crochet</p>	
<p>sculpt</p>		<p>knit</p>	
<p>pottery</p>			

One of the most relaxing hobby to do in your free time is **gardening!** You can plant flowers, vegetables or herbs and maintain your garden by watering it, pulling the weeds and feeding it with fertilizer. However, you know the very meaning of these actions?

Here is the explanation how to become a **good gardener!**

planting	the activity of putting plants into the ground or into a container of soil so that they will grow.
watering	plants need the right quantity of water to grow up, so you have to give them water regularly with a watering can!
pulling the weeds	the activity of removing any wild plant that grows in unwanted place in order to prevent the cultivated plant from growing freely.
fertilizing	the action to spread a natural or chemical substance on land or plants, in order to make the plants grow well.

Exercise:

Write the suitable hobby in the line next to its definition

swim – ride – draw – drive – dance – sing

1. to travel on a horse _____
2. to make picture with a pencil _____
3. to make music with your mouth _____
4. to move through water _____
5. to move around in a car _____
6. to move your body while listening to music _____

Answers

1. ride
2. draw
3. sing
4. swim
5. drive
6. dance

Exercise:

Choose the right hobby or interest to complete the sentence below

1. He loves _____ at the disco.
2. She usually play a big instrument with a bow. She play a _____.
3. I like doing stuff with clay. I love to create something with my hands. I enjoy doing _____.
4. Maria uses colours, brushes and water to _____ canvas.
5. My favourite hobby is to create sweater, blanket or socks for my family. I enjoy _____.
6. Yesterday evening I went to the cinema to see the “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” film. I love _____.

Answers:

1. dancing
2. cello
3. pottery
4. paint
5. knitting
6. fantasy

2. Talking about hobbies and interests

Talking about hobbies or interests is a great way to start a conversation in English with someone you don't know or to find things in common when you speak with somebody.

You could ask some questions, such as:

1. **What do you like doing?** → I like playing tennis, cooking, watching tv, etc.
2. **What sort of hobbies do you have?** → I love swimming and playing guitar!
3. **What do you do in your free time?** → I spend my free time playing football with friends!
4. **Do you have any interesting hobbies?** → Yes, I enjoy reading books!
5. **What do you prefer to do in your free time?** → I'm keen on photography!

Typical expressions used to talk about hobbies are

I like, I quite like, I really like / I love	+ gerund "ing" form + noun
I enjoy	+ gerund "ing" form + noun
I spend a lot of time	+ gerund "ing" form
I'm really/quite into	+ gerund "ing" form + noun
I'm keen on	+ gerund "ing" form + noun
I don't like / I hate	"ing verb"
I can't stand	something

Exercise:

**Choose three of the following questions. Ask them to the friend in front of you.
Talk about your interest and hobbies in reply:**

1. Have you seen any good film recently?
2. Do you play any instrument?
3. What kind of manual activities do you enjoy practicing in you free time?
4. If you had a lot of free time, how do you prefer to spend it?
5. Which kind of interests do you have?

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