

Hobbies and Interests



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Warm Up

Guess



*"I love **playing tennis**. I am an **avid** bridge player (a card game if you have not heard of it - it was more popular in the past!). I **like to tour interesting things** with my kids like power plants, garbage dumps, the Large Hadron Collider, Antarctica, missile Silos (Arizona),... I **read a lot and watch courses** (online or the Learning Company)..."*

CLUE: One of the richest man in the world.

Introduction

Many people have hobbies. They make our life more interesting. A **hobby** is what people like to do when they have free time. It is an activity or interest pursued for pleasure or relaxation and not as a main occupation.



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Useful Expressions

When you want to get to know someone, ask about their hobbies and interests.

Questions you can ask

What do you like doing?

What sort of hobbies do you have?

What do you get up to in your free time?

What are you keen on?

What are you into?

Do you do anything for fun?

What sort of things do you do to relax?

Do you have any interests or hobbies?

How to reply

In my free time I...

When I have some spare time I...

When I get the time, I... I

relax by (watching TV)

I'm interested in

I'm keen on

I'm into

I enjoy

Saying why you like your hobby

...it keeps me fit.

...it gets me out of the house, you know!

...it's sociable. I've met lots of new people.

...it gives me something interesting to do with my time.

...it's not very expensive, and anyone can do it!

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Indoor vs Outdoor

INDOOR

suitable for
inside a building

people can enjoy
them regardless
of the weather

OUTDOOR

suitable for
outside of a
building

people can
breathe fresh air,
feel the warm
sun on their face
and enjoy the
complete peace
that only nature
brings



Which do you prefer, indoor or outdoor activities? Why?

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Vocabulary Building

Identify the following hobbies. Tell whether they are an indoor or outdoor activity.

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Grammar Chunk

What is a gerund?

A **gerund** is a noun made from a verb by adding "-ing." The gerund form of the verb "read" is "reading." You can use a gerund as the subject, the complement, or the object of a sentence.

Examples: **Reading** helps you learn English. *subject of sentence*

Her favorite hobby is **reading**. *complement of sentence*

I enjoy **reading**. *object of sentence*

HE GERUND AFTER PREPOSITIONS

The gerund must be used when a verb comes after a preposition. This is also true of certain expressions ending in a preposition, for example the expressions *in spite of* & *there's no point in*.

She is good **at painting**.

THE GERUND AFTER PHRASAL VERBS

Phrasal verbs are composed of a **verb + preposition or adverb**.

When will you **give up collecting** expensive stamps?

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Describing Hobbies

Match the adjectives with the hobbies on the right and then make sentences.

Ex: **Painting** is a **creative** hobby because you need to involve your imagination.



ADJECTIVES

- Fascinating
- Practical
- Cheap
- Enjoyable
- Relaxing
- Different
- Unusual
- Expensive

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Sentence Building

Match the beginning of the sentence from Column A with its ending from Column B.

| Column A | Column B |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. I woke up at 10 a.m. I really... | a) ...likes riding it. |
| 2. Lily has a horse. She... | b) ...love sleeping. |
| 3. My parents are in Brazil. They like... | c) ...traveling. |
| 4. John loves driving his car but... | d) ...loves painting. |
| 5. Francis bakes delicious cakes. He... | e) ...books so much? |
| 6. Martha bought some milk. She... | f)hates drinking black coffee. |
| 7. His brother is an artist. He... | g) ...he hates walking. |
| 8. Do you really like reading... | h)likes eating. |

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Dialogue Practice

George: Good morning Pete. What are you doing in this early morning?

Pete: Very good morning. I am working in my garden.

George: Oh! What a beautiful garden it is!

Pete: I myself have done this. It's my hobby.

George: I think it is not only a flower garden.

Pete: You are right. There are two parts in my garden. In one part I have planted flowers and in another part I have cultivated vegetables.

George: How long have you been doing this?

Pete: For the last three years.

George: How did you feel?

Pete: This is a great source of joy and pleasure for me. It also keeps my body strong and fit. May I ask you to tell me about your hobby?

George: My hobby is fishing.

Pete: It is really a very interesting thing.

George: Of course. I get much pleasure from it.

Pete: That's great.

George: Oh! It's time to go to work. See you again.

Pete: All right see you again.



Role play the dialogue with your teaching using your personal hobbies

Grammar Chunks

Play is used with ball sports or competitive games where we play against another person:

'How often do you play tennis?' - tennis is a ball sport.

'I play poker with my friends on Friday night.' - poker is a competitive game. We play to win.

'I don't like playing computer games.' - again, computer games are competitive so we use **play**.

Do is used for a recreational activity or a non-team sport that does not use a ball:

'I heard that you do karate.' - karate is a non-team activity.

'I do crossword puzzles in my free time.' - crossword puzzles are not competitive.

Go is used with activities that end **-ing**. We **go** somewhere to do something:

'I'm going fishing on Sunday.'

'Are you going skiing this winter?'

'She said she was going swimming.'

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Grammar Exercise

Choose the correct verb to complete each sentence:

1. Do you want to ___ hiking with me?
2. Have you ever ___ ice-hockey?
3. I find ___ yoga to be very relaxing.
4. They ___ sailing yesterday.
5. ___ chess is a good mental exercise.
6. She ___ aerobics at the gym.
7. I ___ athletics at school.
8. I ___ football.
9. My friend ___ karate.
10. She ___ Hockey.
11. Mike Tyson used to ___ boxing.
12. After work I like to ___ cycling.
13. My girlfriend ___ tennis in the afternoon.
14. For fitness, Jeremy ___ athletics.
15. In winter people ___ ice skating.
16. I ___ golf.
17. People ___ tae-kwon-do in South Korea.
18. She ___ badminton every weekend.
19. John will ___ football tomorrow.
20. I heard you ___ basketball well.



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Reading Exercise

Identify the gerunds in the following text.

Megan Yates is a normal British Teenager. She goes to school from Monday to Friday. She usually does her homework before dinner and she often goes out with her friends at the weekend. Her friends like listening to music and playing computer games but Megan has got an unusual hobby. She loves cooking. Megan would like to enter the Young Chef of Britain Competition. This competition is for young people who are between 11 and 17 years old. The menu needs to be healthy and the food can't cost more than £15. The first prize is a trip to Italy to learn about Italian cooking and food.

At the moment, Megan is practicing for the competition in the kitchen. She's cooking for her family. The main course is paella, which is a Spanish rice dish. She's also making carrot cake with ice cream.



Reading Comprehension

1. What does Megan like doing in her free time?
2. The Young Chef of Britain Competition is for people _____ .
3. How much money can the chefs spend on food?
4. The winner will _____ .
5. What is Megan doing now?

True or False

1. Megan usually does her homework in the evening.
2. The Young Chef of Britain is only for British young people.
3. The competitors have to cook a meal for a family.
4. Each competitor can spend £15 or more.
5. The prize is to learn more about Italian cooking in Britain.
6. Right now, Megan is cooking paella and carrot cake with ice cream with her family.

Discussion

- a. Do you like to join any famous competitions? Why or Why not?
- b. Would you like to make money from your hobby? If so, how?

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Sentence Building

Unscramble the conversations.

Beth: I want to go camping or dancing.

Rajiv: I love singing. Let's go!

Beth: How about karaoke? Do you like singing?

Rajiv: I don't really. Why?

Beth: Rajiv, do you like camping?

Rajiv: I hate dancing.

Ricardo: Sure, I love going there.

Andre: Do you want to come with me to the gallery?

Ricardo: Amazing picture, Andre!

Andre: Let's go.

Ricardo: I also like it, but I like drawing more. **Andre:** Thank you! I love painting.

1. What does Beth want?
2. Does Rajiv like dancing?
3. What does Rajiv like?

1. Who is Ricardo's friend?
2. What does Ricardo like?
3. What is Andre good at?
4. Where are they going?
5. Does Ricardo like dancing?

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Famous Sayings

Discuss the following with your teacher.



The best way to make happy money is to make money your hobby and not your god.

— [Scott Alexander](#)

“Reading is the noblest of all the hobbies, that is why people mention it so frequently in their resume even if they don't read much.”

— [Amit Kalantri](#)



“Hobbies are like flowers on plant. They make the plant look beautiful and feel Proud.”

— [Sukant Ratnakar](#)



A hobby a day keeps the doldrums away.

— [Phyllis McGinley](#)



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Speaking Drills

What is your hobby? How long have you had that hobby?

Why do people need hobbies?

Which hobbies are the most popular with women in your country? With men?

Which hobbies are the most expensive? The cheapest?

Do you think a hobby is different from a sport? Why or why not?

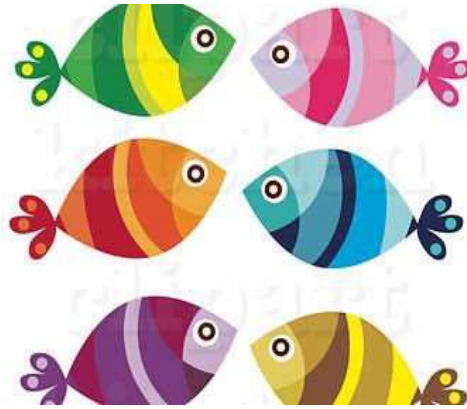


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Idiomatic Expressions

Guess the meaning of each idiom.

“ I know you still love Jack, but remember there are *plenty of other fish in the sea.* ”



Amanda was *hitting below the belt* when she called Adrian an unfit father.

Nancy is going to be fired in no time. She already has *two strikes against* her for coming in late.



I told Lily it was *no sweat* for us to babysit next weekend.



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Pronunciation Drills

Tongue Twisters



How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?

One-one was a race horse. Two-two was one too.
One-one won one race. Two-two won one too.

Brent Spence Bridge
Clay Wade Bailey Bridge

Buckets of bug blood, buckets of bug blood, buckets of bug blood

Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black
bread. Spread it thick, say it quick!
Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black
bread. Spread it thicker, say it quicker!
Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread.
Don't eat with your mouth full!

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Pronunciation Drills

Minimal Pairs

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| these | peas |
| those | pose |
| they | pay |
| their | pair |
| that | pat |
| than | pan |
| these | bees |

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| thee | bee |
| those | boughs |
| though | bow |
| they | bay |
| their | bear |
| there | bare |
| these | tease |
| those | doze |

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| their | dare |
| though | go |
| these | fees |
| there | fair |
| thy | sigh |
| they | say |
| this | sis |
| that | chat |

The End